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Ruble's Fall **Poses Fresh Political Risk** For Yeltsin

Parliament Delays Vote On His Request to Fire Head of Central Bank

By Margaret Shapiro

Moscow — Responding to the dramatic freefall this week of the Russian ribble. President Boris N. Yeltsin dropped his finance minister, Sergei K. Dubinin, on Wednesday and demanded that Parliament dismiss the head of the Russian central bank

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an Oct. 21 date for a vote of no-confidence. Carel Larry is a Toknomics It also postponed voting on Mr. Yeltsin's request that the head of the central
bank, Viktor V. Gerashchenko, be fired for failing to take timely action to shore up Russia's beleaguered ruble. Mr. Gerash-chenko has been unenthusiastic about many aspects of Mr. Yeltsin's economic policies and for this reason free-market

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the day hunting for ways to unload them.

In several former Soviet republics, where the ruble is still in circulation, people also flooded exchange points to buy dollars. Deutsche marks and other foreign currenties, according to news reports here.

Mr. Yelfsint met. Tuesdays evening with Prime Minister Viktor S. Chemontyrdia to discuss the stillation, according to records.

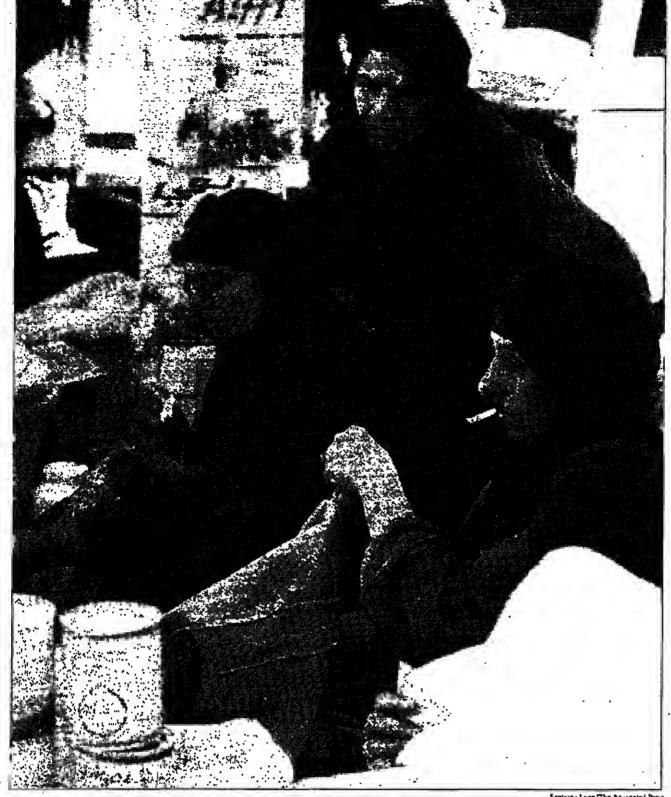
discuss the situation, according to reports he lack of concrete miormation from the Kremlin, and the conflicting reports about what had caused the ruble's collapse, seemed mostly to add to the feel-

ings of panic.

The ruble has lost more than the its value of the month, with the bulk of the fall happening on Monday and Tuesday, this week. The ruble regained some ground Wednesday, closing at 3,736 rubles to the U.S. deller, up 190 points from: to the U.S. dollar, up 190 points from its low on Tuesday. But few people seemed confident here—even government experts - that the uptrend would continue very

A government source quoted by the news agency Interfax predicted that the ruble would rebound by another 500 points on Thursday because of a new requirement that all requests to purchase orcign currency on the rate-setting Mos-

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Women selling cans of baby food on a Baghdad street. UN sanctions force many Iraqis to shop on the black market.

3 Hollywood Honchos Premiere a Studio

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LOS ANGELES — The filmmaker Steven Spielberg, the Hollywood billionaire David Geffen, and Jeffrey Katzenberg, a former top executive at the Walt Disney Co., are joining forces to form a major movie studio, the three said Wednesday.

It is an alliance of three of Hollywood's top power brokers that could alter the very structure of the movie business. Theirs will be the first major Hollywood studio to be started since 1939, when 20th Century-Fox was created. And it is expected to compete bead-to-bead in animated films with Walt Disney Studios.

"This represents the opportunity of a lifetime — to join forces with two of the smartest and most creative talents in the

industry," said Mr. Katzenberg, who recently was forced out as chairman of Walt Disney Studios after a bitter dispute with Michael D. Eisner, the chairman of the Walt Disney Co.

At the same time, in a related and perhaps even more significant development, top industry sources said that Lew R. Wasserman, chairman of MCA Inc., and his No. 2, Sidney Jay Sheinberg, were set to meet Tuesday with MCA's owners, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., in Japan to buy back their entertainment company. It was sold to the Japanese four years ago for

\$6.59 hillion. If the Japanese refuse, the sources said, Mr. Wasserman and Mr. Sheinberg, unhappy with Japanese ownership, will quit,

leaving the studio in considerable turmoil. The new company created by Mr. Spiel-berg, Mr. Geffen and Mr. Katzenberg plans to produce films, animated movies and television programs and to launch a record company and an interactive enter-tainment venture, he said.

Mr. Spielberg's Amblin Entertainment Co., which produced the recent films "Jurassic Park" and "The Flintstones," and Mr. Geffen's film unit will be merged into

The new studio is to start producing movies by early next year and will proba-

hly have a slate of 12 to 16 films over the year, the three executives said. Big Holly-See STUDIO, Page 4

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U.S. Finds Support For Arms-Free Zone

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Key Allies Back Iraqi Containment, No UN Action Believed Necessary

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - President Bill Clinton has been told by his senior security advisers that the United States can impose a demilitarized zone in southern Iraq without seeking approval from the United Nations Security Council, U.S. officials said

Wednesday.
These officials said the White House got a simple message from U.S. military and security policymakers: "The key allies, in-cluding Saudi Arabia and Britain, will be willing participants in a coalition ban on Iraqi forces near the border and the United States has the air power there to destroy

any armaments in violation."

Mr. Clinton, who has not approved such a policy, was reported on Wednesday to be wavering, partly because of objections from other governments, including France and possibly Russia.

But his senior aides insisted that, even if

the White House was reluctant to bypass the Security Council, the U.S.-led coalition, with strong backing from the Gulf. could find enough authority in existing UN resolutions to make it untenable for Iraqi forces to approach Kuwait again,

French objections, which surfaced on Wednesday, were brushed aside by the U.S. officials, who said that France had negligible influence in the Gulf and would be reluctant to mount any serious opposi-tion to Saudi Arabia's wishes for U.S.-led

Apparently intent on positioning themselves favorably for future business with Iraq, French government leaders criticized the idea of creating an exclusion zone. But Foreign Minister Alain Juppe gave no sign of hacking away from French insistence

that economic sanctions remain until Iraq complies with UN requirements. Saudi officials, meanwhile, joined the United States in calling on other Gulf states to take action to prevent Iraq from again massing its troops and creating what Washington officials call "the yo-yo effeet" on U.S. and other forces protecting

The United States is considering a ban on Iraqi forces within 150 kilometers (85

In one Palestinian camp, Saddam Hussein has lost his knighthood. Page 2.

miles) of the Kuwaiti border. Similar zones, a no-go area in the Kurdish-populated north and a no-fly zone in southern Iraq, have already been put into effect hy coalition forces under existing UN resolutions. The Clinton administration contends that Iraq has exposed itself to new restrictions by violating the rules against

threatening Kuwait. With 150 kilometers of desert for Iraqi forces to cross, there would be enough warning time for Kuwait to defend itself with the help of U.S. air power. Kuwaiti territory would be beyond the reach of Iraqi artillery, including the Scud missiles the UN has authorized Iraq to keep.

The U.S. air armada dispatched to the Gulf, while equipped to meet any challenge from Iraqi planes, reveals an empha-sis on U.S. ground-attack aircraft, including gunships designed to fly low and slow, searching out tanks and other small targets for their armor-piercing shells.

Diplomatically, the coalition could im-

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White House Continues **Buildup Despite Retreat**

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON — The White House reported evidence of a broad retreat of Iraqi forces from the Kuwaiti border on Wednesday, but it saw enough ambiguity to declare that Baghdad's forces remained a threat.

U.S. officials made no move to curtail the flow of U.S. troops, warplanes and ships to the Gulf.

As diplomatic efforts cast a widening shadow over military activities, the White House press secretary, Dee Dee Myers, said that although many Iraqi forces ap-peared to be pulling back, others remained

We've seen some evidence that troops are withdrawing from the southern area. from the Basra region of Iraq," she said at a briefing. "There have been some indications that that is broad based."

Tanks were being loaded onto trains, she said, and there were other indications that "they are in fact pulling out." But "some units do appear to be in place, so

we're continuing to monitor it closely, and there's been absolutely no change in our deployment at this point," she added.

Earlier in the day, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said during a visit to Kuwait that Iraqi forces remained "an unmistakable threat" to the emirate and that the government of President Saddam Hussein was "untrustworthy."
"This particular crisis, this episode, is

not over," the secretary said.

From a command post in the Gulf, Major General Everett H. Pratt Jr. of the U.S. Air Force said in a hriefing that Iraq still had enough troops and weaponry near Kuwait to cause trouble.

Mr. Christopher, after meeting with British and Gulf Arab officials, said he bad discussed ways to prevent Iraq from threatening its neighbors in the future, including the possible imposition of a weapons exclusion zone in southern Iraq, which could ban tanks and other armor. But amid signs of opposition to the idea from France and Russia, Ms. Myers cautioned that no U.S. decision had been made on whether to pursue the plan.

Further discussions on the topic and other means of dealing with Iraq were under way at the United Nations. "We expect to have allied support," Ms.

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Human Radiation Testing Wider Than U.S. Revealed By Philip J. Hilts New York Times Service ans to rewrite part of the history of the dawn of the atomic age. WASHINGTON — In the early years In particular, the advisory committee of the Cold War, a systematic effort to gain knowledge of the effects of radiation by conducting experiments on human sub-jects was secretly planned at the highest has traced the almost continual conflict between the military's desire for data on radiation and the ethical scruples of some senior officials. Since no clear operating levels of the U.S. government. The number of experiments was some 10 times larger than has been revealed until now, but there policy emerged, the result was that some

was also more discussion than expected on Last year, after a New Mexico newspa-That is the outline of the complex pic-ture being developed by the President's Committee on Human Radiation Experiper, The Albuquerque Tribune, reported on a group of patients who had been given high doses of radiation treatment for largeients after six months of sifting through the archives of a dozen federal agencies. ly experimental purposes, Energy Secre-tary Hazel R. O'Leary responded by prom-

> President Bill Clinton later ordered the See RAYS, Page 4

> ising to open her agency's files, and

ethically dubious experiments were dis-couraged or disapproved, while others



WORKING THE CROWD — Chancellor Helmut Kohl during a campaign appearance on Wednesday in Demmin, north of Berlin. Page 7.

A Cult Suspect

Among the Dead

GENEVA (Reuters) — A Swiss man suspected of being responsible for at least three of the 53 cult deaths in Switzerland and Canada was formally identified on Wednesday among the dead. Police officers from the canton of Valais said the corpse of Joel Egger, 35, was among the 25 bodies found in three charred Alpine chalets in Granges-sur-

According to earlier Swiss and Canadian media reports, the police suspect that Mr. Egger and Dominique Bellaton, another sect member, traveled to Canada and killed a family of three in Quebec four days before the deaths in Switzerland.

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The committee has brought to light a wealth of documents about the government's behavior — sometimes furtive,

sometimes ethical — that will force histori-

the ethics of the experiments.

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Dad's Paycheck Often Grows if Mom Stays at Home

By Tamar Lewin New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Working mothers often worry about the "morniny track," fearing that they will be consigned to lower paid, less prestigious jobs. But their husbands, at least those who are managers or professionals, may face a penalty, too.

According to several recent studies in the United States, men from traditional families, in which the wives stay home to care for their children, earn more and get higher raises than men from two-career families.

Just wby a gap exists is a topic of considerable debate. Some experts attribute it to individual choices, with men who are the sole breadwinners working longer, producing more and pushing harder for raises and promotions. Others say that even if there is a gap, it may not be a matter of cause and effect. And still others suggest corporate prejudice is to blame.

"There's a definite daddy penalty, but it's only on the dads in dual-career families," said Linda Strob of Loyola University of Chicago, the co-author of a study of 348 male managers at 20 Fortune 500 companies. "I think it's a new diversity issue for companies to think about diversity of family type."

Ms. Stroh's study found that over five years the traditional fathers had received 20 percent higher raises than had the men with working wives.

Another study of 231 men who had received MBA degrees in the late 1970s found that, all else being equal, those whose wives were at home with the children had earned 25 percent more than those whose wives held jobs

The traditional family men were on a fast track, with the highest income, jobs at higher management levels and greater pay increases, on a percentage basis, over six years," said Frieda Reitman of Pace University, an author of that study.

"I don't know if you call it prejudice, but I do think the people in the top positions, who are mostly traditional men, are more comfortable with people who seem like

Both studies, presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management in August, found that the men whose wives were at home had worked an average of two extra hours a week.

But even after controlling for the effects of the number of hours they worked, their experience, field of employment and interruptions to their career, Ms. Reitman's study found that men who were the sole breadwinners in their families earned an average of \$121,630 a year, compared with \$97,490 for those with wives who worked.

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Haiti President Is Last of Junta To Step Down

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's military-backed president resigned Wednesday, completing the removal of coup officials before the return of the country's democratically elected leader,

the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The formal resignation of Emile Jonas-saint, broadcast Wednesday on local radio. followed the takeover Tuesday of the National Palace and other government ministries by U.S. troops.

A Haitian military aide said Lieutchant General Raoul Cedras, the former army chief who installed Mr. Jonassaint, would go into exile by the end of the day, either to Panama or Argentina. U.S. officials said two planes were wait-

ing on Wednesday to fly General Cedras and his army chief of staff, Brigadier General Philippe Biamby, to exile. Both the United States and Mr. Aristide bave asked Panama to take them.

U.S. troops landed in Haiti on Sept. 19 to help restore Mr. Aristide, who was ousted three years ago by a military junta led by General Cédras. Mr. Aristide is expected to return on Saturday.

Mr. Jonassaint, 81, was instrumental in getting Haitian officials to sign a pact with the United States and accept an agreement to avert an American invasion. Under the pact, the military leadership bad until Saturday to step down.

Because of the exceptional circumstances and the situation imposed on our country, from this day on the government

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In Palestinian Camp, Saddam Has Lost His Knighthood

By Nora Boustany Washington Pou Service

BAQAA CAMP, Jordan - In this crowded camp of 80,000 Palestinian refugees, the icon of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has fallen.

News of the American military huildup in the Gulf has been received here with indifference, in sharp contrast to the near-hysterical support shown Iraq four years ago, when Mr. Saddam was hailed as the Knight of the Arabs after invading Kuwait.

At the modest outdoor Father of the Arabs Cafe in the heart of the camp, a group of men huddled at sunset to take stock of the loss of yet another traditional symbol of Arab defiance of

"People were stunned and shocked by their own hopes" during the 1990-91 Gulf War, said Mahmoud Dueik, a teacher. "They were shocked. because they het on something that did not exist.

All we had were fiery speeches and media wars." He was explaining the letdown Palestinians felt after the crushing defeat suffered by Iraqi troops in 1991, when American air power deci-

By Alan Cowell

ROME - With its ability to

finance food imports dwindling after four years of sanctions,

Iraq has reduced rations to its

people by more than one-third, raising the likelihood of greater

malnutrition among women and children, United Nations officials said Wednesday.

The development coincides with an increasing desire among donors to channel food aid

away from parts of central and southern Iraq under govern-ment control and toward the Kurdish-run north, UN Wurld

Food Program officials said. The officials, including the executive director of the World

Food Program, Catherine Ber-

tini, were speaking as the

newest Iraqi crisis once more

focused attention on what some

analysts depict as Saddam Hus-sein's increasingly frantic ef-forts to escape UN sanctions.

The sanctions, in force since the 1990-91 Gulf conflict, do

not prevent Iraq from import-

freeze its overseas assets and

prevent it from exporting oil to pay for the food it does import.

said at a news conference, Iraq

has been spending an average

\$100 million a month on food

for distribution among its peo-

ple. UN officials said they had no idea where Iraq found that

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Since that time, Ms. Bertini spokesman said.

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Threat of Malnutrition in Iraq

Baghdad Cut Rations by One-Third, UN Says

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level of expenditure."

Ms. Hammam said at the

Gulf War Illness

Remains Mystery

WASHINGTON - The De-

fense Department is sending

monitors with the U.S. forces

going to the Gulf to watch for

symptoms of an unexplained

illness that afflicted thousands

The military medical special-

of troops after the war in 1991.

vestigate suspicious incidents,

and document all medical treat-

ment of soldiers, a Pentagon

Since the Gulf War ended, about 20,000 of the troops that

had been sent there have com-

plained to the Veterans Depart-

ment of symptoms including fa-

tigue, rashes, muscle and joint

pains, headaches, memory loss,

"Saddam is no longer a phenomenon," echoed Rashid Arar, 55, also a teacher, from the Pales-tinian town of Abassiyeh.

Palestinians here are recovering from two blows: Iraq's defeat and the later dashing of their dreams to return home in the wake of a Palestin. ian-Israeli accord that so far has left them out. The prospect of another Arab country going to war no longer excites them.

In 1990, when Iraq boastfully predicted a great triumph in the "mother of all battles," appealing to what was left of an Arab nationalism that had failed them, many Palestinian refugees wanted to believe Mr. Saddam. Palestinian women ululnted praise for him, named their newborn sons after him and sold their golden earrings to donate to

tinian flags fluttered from the rooftops of Baqaa, have lost as a people."

included a doubling of infant

Since August 1993, she said, food prices had increased by

600 percent in central and

enough to huy one kilogram of meat," she said. "People are selling assets and land just to

The World Food Program, the principle UN agency re-

sponsible for procuring and de-

livering large amounts of food

to crisis areas, is spending over

\$60 million a year to feed 1.3

million fragis regarded as desti-tute — 750,000 in the north and

550,000 in the center and south

But, she said, there was an "increasing trend" for donors, including the United States and

the European Union, to insist that food aid be sent to north-ern fraq, under the protection of the Gulf War coalition, in-

stead of to government-con-

lars needed to finance World

Food Program aid operations in

lrag from October through

March, 1995, donors had not so

far pledged the \$11.4 million

earmarked for sending food to

people in central and southern Iraq, Ms. Bertini said.

Thus, of the \$33 million dol-

- Ms. Bertini said.

it is "virtually free." UN offi- pact of food shortages in Iraq

tini said, the government has three years, while infant malnuannounced it would "reduce the food hasket by an average 36 percent," cutting back on some provisions so that the nutrition—

Since August 1993, she said.

Mona Hammam, a senior southern Iraq and by 84 percent World Food Program official. in the north. "The monthly salsaid: "We think that the govary of a civil servant is barely

news conference that the im- make ends meet."

Starting on Oct. 1. Ms. Ber- mortality rates over the past

mated Mr. Saddam's retreating armies in the and visiting Westerners identified with allied troops were met with anger and hostility.

The mood is different now. There are no portraits of Mr. Saddam or of the Palestine Liberation Organization chief. Yasser Arafat. People here also regard Mr. Arafat as a disappointing figure because, in their view, he concluded a peace accord with Israel without considering the Palesunians displaced from their homeland in 1948 who are now in refugee camps.

A laborer in Arab headdress and gray robe said there was sympathy until now with Iraq. "hut our aspirations remain buried in our

The days when Baqaa residents remained close to their radio receivers to hear of Iraq's latest Scud missile attacks on Israel are nothing but flashes of confused memory.

Iraqi radio hroadcasters painted a vivid picture of victory by sending chilling accounts over the airwaves of American soldiers returning borer said. "From the depths of our hearts, we do home in blood-drenched coffins. Iraqi and Pales- not believe in anybody, even the obvious. We

Economic hardship brought on by the expul-sion of thousands of Palestinians from Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and other oil-producing Arab countries has hit home.

"The first time around, I sold no less than \$700 worth of first-aid kits, medicines and haby food," said Khalik Zaghnun, 32. a pharmacist at the camp, recalling the heated campaigns led by Palestinians to help Iraq, "Today, nobody

"Now the feeling toward Iraq is lukewarm." said Mahmoud Ambar, 42, a barber whose family came from Jaffa, now part of Israel. "Our people are bored with hollow words. The Palestinian people are the only ones who were harmed by the Gulf War. They were expelled from Ku-wait, the Gulf. They came out as beggars. When another Palestinian barber starts a business across the street, it means less work for me.

We cannot tell you we don't like Iraqis, but there is no faith in the leadership. If 5 million Israelis were to go to Iraq today, Saddam would roll out a red carpet for them."

WORLD BRIEFS

Vietnam to Join ASEAN Next Year

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Victnem on Wednesday said it would join the Association of South East Asian Nations next year, dispelling speculation that Hanoi might put off membership until it was better prepared.

"Vietnam is now actively preparing all necessary conditions to become a full member of ASEAN next year." Deputy Finne Minister Phan Van Khai said at a meeting organized by the Switzerland-based World Economic Forum ASEAN comprises Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and That

Mr. Khai said that Hanoi would also participate in other regional organizations and would join the 17-member Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum "when it is possible."

Major Feels Heat as Tories Squabble

BOURNEMOUTH, England (Reuters) Prime Minister John Major, his Conservative Party already desply divided over the issue of Europe, was faced with a fresh bout of infighting on Wednesday on how best to tackle the new Labor leader. Tony Blair. Mr. Major, whose party is more than 25 points behind Mr. Blair's in recent opinion polls, will try to bridge the gap when he addresses the conference on Friday.

The ideological squahhling further dashed Mr. Major's hopes of using the Conservatives' annual conference as a launchipad to revive the party's flagging fortunes.

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Employment Secretary Michael Portillo, the party's young rightist pretender, set the conference alight with a venous attack on meddling Brussels bureaucrats. In another rousing speech later, away from the main hall. Mr. Portillo demanded that the Conservatives distance themselves from the opposition with a stretch of "clear blue water," a coded but mambiguous call for a rightist agenda. The two speeches were widely seen as renewing Mr. Portillo's claim to be a future leader of a party in power since 1979.

Romania Seizes Smuggled Uranium

BUCHAREST (Reuters) — Romanian authorities said Wednesday they had seized 6.8 kilograms of uranium and a quantity of strontium smuggled from Ukraine and had arrested two Jordanians planning to ship it out of the country.

Police and Interior Ministry spokesmen confirmed local newspaper reports that the radioactive material had been seized in the province of Moldova on Oct. 10, the second interception of province of moldova on Oct.

uranium smugglers in as many weeks.

The officials said the material was found in the village of

Urechesti near the border of the former Soviet republic of Moldova, which borders Ukraine. A total of seven people, including the two Jordanians, were arrested. Among those detained was a former Soviet Army officer.

Ex-French Aide Arrested in Scandal

LYON (Reuters) - The police arrested former Communications Minister Alain Carignon on Wednesday in a widening judicial inquiry into the costly bailout of his campaign newspaper

by a public-works company.

Mr. Carignon, who resigned in July, was arrested at his Paris apartment hours before Prime Minister Edouard Balladur was due to hold a nonpartisan meeting of senior politicians on measures to combat corruption. The Carignon affair is one of several involving ministers and other politicians that have joited Mr. Balladur's center-right government and dented his images in opin-

The latest investigation involves a subsidiary of the utility company Lyonnaise des Eaux that bought the heavily indebted newspaper Dauphine News a few months after it won a contract to run water services in Grenoble, of which Mr. Carignon, a Gaullist, is mayor. The short-lived paper had backed his 1989

Berlusconi Attacks Graft Investigator

ROME - Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi accused Milan's chief prosecutor on Wednesday of seeking to undermine his government and said neither he nor his business empire had anything to fear from Italy's corruption inquiries.

In a speech to a stormy session of the Senate, Mr. Berlusconi

also confirmed that he would propose legislation to the next meeting of his cabinet on how to end any conflict between his business interests and his political office. His proposals, drawn up by three senior jurists, would not force him to sell his Fininvest

which owns Italy's three main private television stations. The prime minister called Fininvest the cleanest business in Italy and accused magistrates of "abnormal" investigations of its affairs. He was responding to questions about a bitter class between his government and Francesco Saverio Borrelli, Milan's chief prosecutor and head of the city's elite pool of corruption investigators. Mr. Borrelli hinted last week that inquiries into Telepiu, a pay TV channel partly owned by Fininvest, could touch the prime minister himself.

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Norway Plans New Ferry Safety Rules

OSLO (Reuters) - Norway is planning new safety rules to improve the stability of all car ferries using its ports in the aftermath of the Estonia disaster, the country's Maritime Directorate said Wednesday.

So-called roll-on roll-off ferries will have to be upgraded to withstand the destabilizing effect of between a half-meter and one meter of water that may flood their vehicle decks in case of an

A general strike across Italy scheduled for Friday is expected to severely disrupt transportation and bring up to 2.5 million employees out into the streets to demonstrate, trade union sources said Wednesday.

Air France baggage handlers went on strike on Wednesday delaying flights from Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport and holding up a morning Concorde flight to New York when the demonstrated on the runway.

The Cypriot charter company EuroCypria has begun weekly flights to Belgrade, the second airline to do so sin ce the lifting of UN sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro. (Reuters)

The International Air Transport Association predicted Wednesday that international scheduled passenger traffic would increase hy an average of 6.6 percent a year from 1994 to 1998. (Reuges) Region Air, a charter company owned by the hotelier Ong Beng eng, will begin operating as Singapore's third full-fledged airline by Oct. 26, with three flights a week to Vung Tao, about 120 illometers east of Ho Chi Minh City. (AFP)

Continental Airlines is offering discounts of up to 30 percent on some fares for travel through Feh. 10. The deepest discounts come on tickets for flights Monday through Thursday, Discounted tickets, for U.S. and some international routes, must be purchased (AP)

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Warren M. Christopher in Kuwait on Wednesday with Major General James B. Taylor.

Higher Morale for Kuwaitis

New York Times Service

ABDALI, Kuwait - Kuwaiti troops deployed along the border with Iraq insist they will not flee southward to Saudi Arabia. as many did in 1990,

if Iraqi forces invade again.
"This time is different," said Private Abdel Mussim Balushi, as he stood near a dun-colored Yugoslav-huilt tank sheltered behind a sand hill. "If we were here alone we would he afraid, but the Americans are with us. If there were no

Americans, I would go to Saudi Arabia."

The fighting spirit of the tiny Kuwaiu Army has been given a huge lift by the firepower and troops Washington is sending.

The first elements of a 4,000-troop contingent from the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division, in Fort Stewart, Georgia, landed in Kuwait on Monday and moved quickly north to reinforce Kuwaiti units.

The carrier George Washington, with 60 combat planes and cruise missiles, began patrolling the Red Sea, within range of Iraq. President Bill Clinton has assigned 36,000 soldiers and Marines to the region and put 15,000 more on

hold off the 80,000 Iraqi troops that they estimate are stationed just 20 kilometers (12 miles) north of the border. Still, they add, a thrust hy lraq could be severely crippled by allied missile

At the moment, it is the Kuwaitis who would have to pay if an invasion came. The 16,000 troops, still short of equipment and often inadequately trained despite the rout in the invasion of Aug. 2, 1990, would be no match for the Iraqi Republican Guard divisions facing them.

But there is an unquestioning faith in the prowess of the U.S. military. The presence of the Americans has stiffened the resolve of the

Captain Jassim Abdullah Bagri, with a flowing beard and a large girth, stood near some of the sands of U.S. soldiers. tanks in the armored company he commands. The tanks, Yugoslav copies of the Soviet-huilt T-72 tanks in the Iraqi arsenal, chugged out gray exhaust as gunners preened and posed for photographers. The Iraqi border, lost in a haze to the

New Worry Looms for Saudi Leaders

But American military officials say Kuwaiti Cost of Supporting U.S. Troops Would Strain Finances

By Clay Chandler

RIYADH - The presence of President Saddam Hussein's Iraqi forces near the Kuwaiti horder has heightened economic as well as security anxieties in neighboring Saudi Arabia.

As they were four years ago, rulers of this desert kingdom are deeply troubled by the strategic implications of allowing Mr. Saddam to move troops in an area only a few hours' drive from Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province, the sandy expanse that embraces more than 80 percent of the nation's industry and houses nearly a quarter of the world's known oil reserves.

But now the Saudi leaders must also worry about something that has not troubled them in the past: the costs of supporting tens of thou-

Senior Saudi officials say the kingdom will marshal whatever funds are necessary to deter aggression from Iraq. "Money is not the issue," one said. "The issue is Saddam."

The Saudi government, he added, assumed from the instant it received word that Iraqi

troops were gathering on the Kuwaiti border that Rivadh would bear primary responsibility for funding the campaign to hold Mr. Saddam in

Still, the Iraqi encroachment comes at a terrihle time for the Saudi nation. The desen kingdom is just now coming to grips with the cashflow difficulties created by its hefty contribution to the 1991 war with Iraq.

The Saudi government shelled out a staggering \$55 hillion in a single year - by far the largest financial contribution of any member of the Gulf coalition - for that campaign. Some Saudi economic planners estimate the war's total cost to the Saudi economy at more than \$150 billion. a sum exceeding the nation's total domestic

That expense, combined with the effects of weak oil prices, has put a severe strain on public finances. Earlier this year, King Fand called for a 20 percent cutback in government spending. Riyadh has also moved to reschedule repayment of several major U.S. defense and aircraft contractors to ease its cash flow problems.

In Algeria, Gunmen Kill 2 and Car Bombs Explode

Compiled by Our Staff From Enspatches ALGIERS - In a brutal explosion of fresh violence in Algeria, gunmen killed a South Korean businessman and a lo-cal politician on Wednesday, brought panic to the busy area of Kouba. His two accomand five car bombs exploded in the capital.

The car bombs exploded in what appeared to he a signifi-

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campaign being waged hy Mus-lim extremists. The first blast at 8 A.M. outside a university streets. At least one person was

Almost simultaneously, two other boohy-trapped cars exploded, one in front of a girls university dormitory and the security officials. second near the Justice Ministry. Both buildings are located in an residential area overlooking the center of the capital. Witnesses said at least two stu-

on the dormitory. Security forces said an armed Islamic militant died when a car plices were then killed by security forces, they said. The commando was planning to leave

the car outside a state-subsi-dized supermarket, according

Another car exploded in the Kirkhadem district outside a gasoline station, but no one was hurt, the security forces said. A South Korean business-

cant escalation of the terror dents were injured in the attack man, Kang Dae-Hyun, 56, was gunned down as he bought newspapers near his home in Algeria and is involved in sever-Bordj el Bahri, about 25 kilome- al joint projects. One project ters (17 miles) east of Algiers, was building the Hilton hotel state radio said quoting security near Algiers International Airofficials. His killing brought to 64 the number of foreigners to be murdered in Algeria since last September when they became caught up in the conflict between Muslim fundamental-

> January 1992 Mr. Kang, was a representative of the South Korean con-Agency, APS. (Reuters, AFP) niles.

army-backed authorities since

Korean-made automobiles in port, which opened in 1993 after a delay over a payment dispute and was later closed. apparently for security reasons. The leader of an Algerian

moderate Islamist movement, ists who have been battling the Lahcene ben Saadallah, also was killed, in an Algiers suburb on Wednesday, according to

Report Assails French Police

LONDON - Amnesty International has accused the French police of a pattern of ill treatment, shootings and killings, particularly against non-Europeans and juveniles.

In a report issued in London, the human rights group detailed French law enforcement officers in the 18 months up to June 1994. It concluded that they used force recklessly and without dne respect for the law and the official Algerian press that many victims were juve-



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Clinton, on a Limb, Invites Comparison With Reagan

By David S. Broder

Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — When President Bill Clinton asks the dyspeptic American voters of 1994 to think twice about returning to the policies of the 1980s, he is taking a big risk. He invites all comparison with a predecessor — Ronald Reacan — who in nostalgic memory is viewed as a significant and successful chief executive.

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He residence to the land of the part of th Democratic officials say, however, that he has no better way to frame the midterm election, and some neutral observers suggest the ploy might

In a speech Tuesday in Dearborn, Michigan, Mr. Clinton asked voters to reject going "back to the 1980s and trickle-down economics." He did sable of the Market of the Market of the Library of the increases that Democrats blame for running increases that Democrats blame for running national debt from \$1 trillion up to \$4 trillion.

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• The biggest U.S. airlines have agreed to pay \$40 million in discounts to state and local gov-

emments to settle a price-fixing

• Stanford University has re-ceived a \$77.4 million gift from the alumni William R. Hewlett

and David Packard, co-

'Away

What he offers his followers

is simple," said Edward Gollon,

47, a commodities broker from

'Arkansas who has lived here for

eight years. "He says to them,

What you don't have, we will

With the clock ticking toward

Father Aristide's return three

years after his ouster in a military coup, U.S. and Haitian

husiness executives here look

with unvarnished dread toward

mob violence, deeper class re-sentment, and the destruction

of their homes and businesses.

They watch with despair and incomprehension as U.S. sol-

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cans — candidates and incumbents — signed a generic ad campaign, targeting the Republican ads to "refer to the stale policies of the '80s," contract with the American people" on the contract and amplifying the theme of the Dear-rather than to Mr. Reagan personally, it can Capitol steps that included pledges of a stronger detense and a series of tax reductions and a promise to bring a balanced-budget constitutional amendment to a vote. Ever since, Mr. Clinton and other Democrats have been pounding home

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the message that it is a return to what one White House official called "the bogus politics of false

promises. To hear these White House officials tell it, the Republicans made a major strategie blunder. Instead of being on the defensive about the gridlock in Congress and the persistent weakness in the president's polls, Democrats now bave a

"I've always believed that you have to be on the offense to win," said Tony Coelho, a Clinton political adviser. "We've been playing defense

born address.

The question is whether the Democrats have chosen their targets well. "It's a classic gambit." said Mr. Reagan's longtime pollster, Richard

enemy are not good." In his most recent poll, Mr. Wirthlin said, "63 the wrong track.

"They're worried about where we're going," be said, "not where we were in the past, and the studied presidential communications strategies, main reasons they give are Clinton and the said be admired Mr. Clinton's gumption. Democrats in Congress."

predecessors, Mr. Clinton ranked ahead of only field." Gerald R. Ford. On both questions, Mr. Reagan placed first, the choice of roughly three times as tried to affect midterm elections they have failed. many people as named Mr. Clinton.

Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster, said,

Support for that proposition can be found in a Gallup Poll published in Tuesday's USA Today. By 46 to 37 percent, those polled said they Wirthlin. "Every campaign needs an enemy. But preferred to continue current economic policies the chances of success in making Reagan the rather than return to those of Mr. Reagan But 51 percent said they would vote for a congressional candidate who opposed Mr. Clinton while only percent of the people said the country was off on 39 percent said they preferred a Clinton Supporter.

"He has to try to rally the public and his fellow When the Times-Mirror survey asked people last summer to compare Mr. Clinton and his five said. "Not to do it would be to abandon the

But he added: "Often when presidents have and the interpretations of that failure weaken the president even more. Clinton's credibility may The Democratic National Committee on "No question, Reagan is very popular." Still, she have reached the point where it won't work, but I Thursday is scheduled to announce a \$3 million said that as long as Democrats are careful in their think he has to try."

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White House Report Goes Easy on Espy

WASHINGTON - The White House has issued a mildly worded report on Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, concluding that no further action is necessary in light of Mr. Espy's resignation and his reimbursements for gifts and travel ex-

The report by the White House counsel, Abner J. Mikva, outlines the relevant ethical standards and Mr. Espy's conduet but does not make direct judgments about his actions. Instead, it reviews Mr. Espy's activities and determines that

he has taken steps to correct any problems.
"Members of the cabinet should set an example for all federal employees," Mr. Mikva's report says. "When they run afoul of the Standards of Conduct, however inadvertently, their actions reflect negatively on the president and the

executive branch, and promote distrust of the government."

The mild tone of Mr. Mikva's report contrasted with the White House stance last week when Mr. Espy announced his resignation. At the time, President Bill Clinton said he was "troubled by the appearance of some" of Mr. Espy's actions and other White House officials had harsher judgments.

Clinton-as-Hitler Billboard Taken Down

GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan — An anti-gun control group's billboard depicting President Clinton as Hitler was taken down after a week because of protests. The Arms Heritage Federation's billboard featured a portrait of Mr. Clinton dressed in a German uniform and a Hitler-like

mustache, with the words: "Arms control, what next?"
Kelly Duff, vice president of Gannett Outdoor Advertising, said he pulled the ad Monday after receiving about 20 complaints. "They were mostly complaints from the Jewish community, and the concern was that we're opening up old wounds in terms of the Holocaust," he said.

The ad's designer. Dick Van Haften, said he meant to link gun control with Nazi Germany, "It's kind of like what happened in Germany in the 1930s," he said. (AP)

Mom and Dad Campaign for Jeb Bush

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida - There were 500 people for lunch at \$500 a head. There were centerpieces in red, white and hlue and a "Jeb for Governor" banner over the head table. But the big draw for the Republican faithful here at the Design Center of the Americas and elsewhere across Florida this week was less Jeb Bush, the party's candidate for governor, than Jeb Bush's parents, former President George Bush and his wife, Barbara.

With their son in a race against Governor Lawton Chiles. that polls say is neck-and-neck, the Bushes have been out

campaigning to help their son win his first elective office.
"Dynasty" is how Mr. Chiles describes the Bush family, and he accuses Jeb Bush, 41, a Miami businessman, of being no more than an undeserving heir. It is a criticism being heard as well these days in Texas, where another Bush son, George W. Bush, is in a close gubernatorial race with the Democratic incumbent, Governor Ann W. Richards.

The former president has taken pains to point out that he does not give political advice to his son. What the Bushes have done, however, is help fill his campaign chest. To date, in three visits to Florida, the Bushes have raised \$6 million for Jeh Bush's campaign.

Quote/Unquote

Guy V. Molinari, president of the New York City borough of Staten Island, on the Democratic candidate for state attorney general, Karen Burstein, a homosexual: "The next attorney general shouldn't be an admitted leshian." (AP)

Haiti's 'Haves' Fear Return of Aristide Elite Expects Mob Violence By Catherine S. Manegold the military, which draws its New York Times Service troops and most of its officers PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti from the lower classes, as a pro-- Up in the hills, where the air tector. In opposing Father Aristide's return, it argues that the tenets of capitalism, not the adis sweet, the lawns are trimmed. and life is lived in languor, they vantages of the few, are at stake. call him "the little monkey" and "the little jerk," and add that eight months of the Reverend Father Aristide counters that the elite has molded a society that crushes the vast majority of Jean-Bertrand Aristide as president were enough to lay a road darker-skinned people.

A U.S. soldier of the 10th Mountain Division handing cigarettes to Haitians across barbed wire in Port-au-Prince.

The Aristide government's political message, they say, left the chronically poor with grand expectations that were always unrealistic hut will be even harder to meet now, since a choking embargo has splintered the industrial base, drained financial reserves, and given rise to a new class of merchants driven by greed and accustomed to operating outside the

thin chains of law.

But to his critics, Father Aris-

tide, who was elected by 80 per-

cent of the popular vote in 1990,

is not a force for democracy.

but a dangerous ideologue bent

upon revenge. They believe he

is naive about international

market forces and dogmatic and unrealistic in his hopes for

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"The rage of the crowd is pany. "But the man in the unquestionable," said Fritz street, you can change his mind men offer for the exiled presi-Kenol, 63, the head of Haiti's if you give him a job. Aristide's dent are that his government poured into revamping a soci-Mercedes and Fiat dealerships rage is ideological. Nothing will was disorganized and direction- ety defined by immense gaps of and a co-owner of a textile com- stop it."

The kindest words business- build the economic base, they less. No effort was made to wealth,

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches STOCKHOLM - An American and a Canadian were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics on Wednesday for pioneering development of neutron scattering techniques 40 years ago.

An American received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for revolutionizing the study of bydrocarbons, the ingredients of oil and natural gas, and for uncovering new ways to use them.

The \$930,000 physics prize will be shared by Clifford G. Shull of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Bertram N. Brockhouse of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Their research, begun in the 1940s and '50s, helped develop a powerful tool to study matter in its timest detail, using beams of neutrons much the same way a microscope uses light. It bas broad applications in many nent position in all modern "It has been very exciting fields of science, from the devel-textbooks." coment of superconductors to better computer memory. The research led to further advances by others who already have been bonored with other Nobel awards.

The recipient of the \$930,000 award for chemistry was George A. Olah, 67, of the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

In the early 1960s, he and his colleagues discovered that extremely strong acids, called superacids, could be used to modify bydrocarbons so they were easier to study. The discovery also led to a wide variety of industrial processes, such as new ways to break down beavy oils and liquefy coal.

In a statement announcing the award, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said that Mr. Olah's work "has a promi-

Notably, his research has aloctane of fuel without adding to pollution, the academy said.

"Recognition is always a surprise," Mr. Olah said from his nothing in our life that is not touched by hydrocarbons, from pharmaceuticals to gasoline."

based on a technique they de- said. veloped called neutron scattering, in which neutrons are the single most important methbounced off liquids and solids od to get information about to reveal their atomic structure. structure and dynamics of at-

prised," Mr. Brockhouse said of said Carl Nordling, professor of the award. "How on earth could physics at Uppsala University they pick me?"

were freed by Friday.
Prime Minister Yitzhak Ra-

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"In simple terms," the Swedlowed improvements in com- isb academy said, "Clifford G. bustion engines by raising the Sbull has belped answer the question of where atoms 'are' and Bertram N. Brockhouse the question of what atoms 'do.' "

Study of atomic structure home in Beverly Hills, Califor- and dynamics made possible by nia. "It is gratifying. There is Mr. Brockhouse and Mr. Shull through development of neutron scattering techniques bad been crucial in the development Mr. Shull, 79, and Mr. Brock- of new materials like ceramic bouse, 76, devised instruments superconductors, the academy

"This has been described as "I'm astonished and sur- oms in fluid and solid matter," and chairman of the Nobel From his home in Lexington, committee that awards the Massachusetts, Mr. Shull said: physics prize. (AP, Reuters)

TROOPS: White House Continues Buildup Despite Evidence of Retreat

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Myers said. But France publicly opposed the idea and said Iraq had done nothing illegal in its military maneuvers. American officials were apparently try-

ing to carefully gauge international sup-port for such a demilitarized zone, to decide bow restrictive it might be and to determine whether UN authorization would be required.

The delicate task of rebuilding the allied coalition that carried out the 1991 Gulf War was well under way, and Mr. Christopher reportedly gained assurances from the Gulf emirates and Saudi Arabia that the costs of the new U.S. deployment would be shared by Arab allies.

Mr. Christopher also raised the possibility that the United Nations would require Iraq to sell some oil and use the foreign exchange to buy food for a populace that Baghdad officials say is on the brink of starvation. Sanctions imposed by the Unit-

ed Nations after the Gulf War prevent Iraq from freely selling oil to gain hard curren-

We are very concerned about the misery of the people of Iraq," Mr. Christopher said in a TV interview. "Our quarrel is with the government and particularly with Sad-

The UN Security Council has authorized Baghdad to sell \$1.6 billion worth of oil, but Iraq has refused to do so, saying the ground rules are an unfair restriction on its sovereignty.

Ms. Myers called reports of malnutrition and suffering in Iraq "unsustainable propaganda." noting that the UN sanctions do not prohibit the importation of food and medicine.

Iraq's Parliament speaker, Saddi Mehdi Saleh, was quoted by Reuters as saying that Baghdad would consider meeting a UN demand, the recognition of Kuwait's sovereignty, if the sanctions were lifted.

"We are besieged, and the people are starving." Mr. Saleh said.

Iraqi officials welcomed the imminent arrival of the Russian foreign minister, Andrei V. Kozyrev, who was expected in Baghdad on Thursday and who has argued against a closing of the Western vise around the embattled Saddam govern-

A spokesman in Moscow said Mr. Kozyrev would try "to help ease tension in the region and promote stability," but it was unclear with whom he planned to meet. The Soviet Union formerly supplied most of Iraq's armaments, but Russia broke with the Iraqi leader in the Gulf War.

In his talks with Gulf Arab leaders, Mr. Christopher was joined by the British for-cign secretary, Douglas Hurd, who ex-pressed his solidarity with Kuwait. Britain is sending 800 commandos to the emirate along with a dozen additional Tornado aircraft and two warships.

GULF: U.S. Finds Allied Support for an Arms-Free Zone in Southern Iraq significant political stakes for Washington

or for Paris, U.S. officials shrugged off a

public jab by Defense Minister François Leotard suggesting that the American

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pose this fresh restriction, officials said, because President Saddam Hussein has aroused such fierce international enmity, especially among his oil-rich Arab neighbors, that no international backlash need be feared.

"France can stand aside if it wants to, provided it's done by the coalition and not by the Security Council," according to Richard Haas, a National Security Council aide in the Bush administration.

Since French objections do not involve

prives them of their traditional Gulf client

Israel Sees TV Plea by Abducted Soldier

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

JERUSALEM - A frightened Israeli soldier, only months out of high school, stood beside a masked gunman and pleaded Wednesday for the release of Palestinian prisoners.

"If not, they will kill me," opponent of the Palestinian autonomy accord, said it would man, 19, who bolds dual U. S.-

Israeli citizenship, in a televised appeal,

The young soldier's abduction by the militant Islamic group Hamas shocked Israel and thrust the Middle East peace process into its deepest crisis yet. Hamas, the leading

ians of the Gaza Strip, summoned an emergency cabinet meeting on the abduction.

the others were killed. In a videotaped appeal

ask you to do all you can so I get out of bere alive," be said.

der at the end of the tape. What do you have to say to

"If my parents are watching hope to return to you if Rabin decides to release the prisoners," he replied, appearing to

It was not known when or

200 imprisoned Palestinians where the tape, broadcast on Israel's Channel 2, was filmed. Corporal Waxman disappeared Sunday night. It is believed be was abducted somewhere in central Israel while hitchhiking. The Palestinian Authority which has run Gaza and the

West Bank enclave of Jericho since May, denied Corporal Waxman was in Gaza. But Mr. Rabin telephoned Mr. Arafat on Wednesday after seeing the videotape and insist-

ed that Corporal Waxman was

Mr. Arafat's spokesman said Mr. Arafat met Wednesday with three Hamas leaders and asked them for belp in finding the bostage. But, said Marwan Kanafani, Mr. Arafat's top press aide, "we do not bave any proof that the kidnapped soldier is in the Gaza Strip."

Israel bas repeatedly accused Mr. Arafat of failing to curb attacks originating from Gaza, but the PLO insists it is living up to the terms of its self-rule

Mr. Arafat, who along with Mr. Rabin is widely expected to win the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday, had earlier condemned the kidnapping and vowed to work for the soldier's return.

In Jerusalem, his tearful mother Esther, 47, who immi-grated from New York City 25 years ago, called on the U.S. government "to save my son who is an American citizen." (AP, Reuters)

buildup in Kuwait was "not unconnected with domestic politics" in the United French politicians, themselves em-broiled in a presidential election cam-

paign, may well see domestic benefits in distancing the government from Washington at this juncture. French business has

chaffed at the Iraqi embargo, which de-

while U.S. companies get the lion's share of contracts in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

With Saudi Arabia's support, the United States has air power in the region that could deny Iraqi forces access to the pro-posed exclusion-zone, Major General Everett H. Pratt Jr. said on television

"We have the capability," he said. "If called upon, we could enforce an exclusion zone on the ground."

STUDIO: New Hollywood Project

Continued from Page 1 wood studios normally produce

12 to 20 films a year. The three - who are longtime friends - will be equal financial partners, Mr. Katzenberg said. He is expected to run

the new studio, which has not

yet been named. What roles Mr. Geffen and Mr. Spielberg would play remained unclear. But the executives said Mr. Geffen would not only be involved in creative entertainment decisions but also spend mucb of his time working to attract investors to the new studio's films.

net worth of \$1 billion, while ened after the death of Disney's Mr. Spielberg's worth is put at more than \$600 million.

Other potential backers include Bill Gates, the bead of Microsoft Inc., and John Malone of the cable television giant TCI. the industry newspaper 24.

Wednesday. Mr. Spielberg, the most suc-cessful director in movie history in box-office terms, has long sought a way to own films, a move that would assure him potentially lavish profits on hits

over the foreseeable future. Mr. Katzenberg is considered one of Hollywood's biggest talents, responsible for revitalizing Disney's moribund animation division when be took the belm in 1984. His latest film, "The Lion King," is expected to become Disney's most profitable

Tensions between Mr. Kat-(NYT, AP)

Daily Variety reported

animated film ever.

Mr. Geffen is said to have a zenberg and Mr. Eisner deeppresident, Frank G. Wells, in an accident earlier this year. Mr. Katzenberg was angered by Mr. Eisner's refusal to appoint him to Disney's No. 2 position and announced his resignation Aug.

being beld somewhere in Palestinian-ruled Gaza. The prime minister, who suspended peace talks with the PLO in Cairo on Tuesday and sealed off the 1 million Palestin-

Corporal Waxman is the 10th Israeli to be kidnapped by Is-lamic militants since 1989. Ali

Wednesday, the young soldier urged Mr. Rabin to comply with his captors' demands. "I

A man bolding an assault rifle, with a red-checkered headdress covering his face, prompted Corporal Waxman several times with questions in Hebrew and placed a band on his shoul-

your mother?" the gunman asked. me, I am all right now, and I

try to steady his voice.

RUSSIA: The Ruble's Collapse Poses a Fresh Political Risk for President

cow Interbank Currency Exchange must be paid for in rubles a day in advance. The source predicted, bowever, that such a rally would be only tem-

Continued from Page 1

porary. Economists said the main reason for the ruble's plunge were government decisions this summer to loosen the budgetary strings and dole out new credits to agriculture, the military and others. That fueled worries about skyrocketing inflation and sent people scurry-ing to unload rubles and buy dollars as a bedge. Inflation had already begun to creep up in September and is expected to worsen this month.

Economists have warned that the ruble's collapse could barm finding a scapegoat. Many economic reforms by igniting a clearly agreed with Mr. Yeltsin

new round of politically destabilizing inflation and increasing demands for a partial return to

Soviet-style economic controls. The ruble's freefall has challenged government assertions that the turmoil of the past few years was mostly over and that Russia had achieved a measure of economic stability. Mr. Yeltsin made this point repeatedly during his visit last month to Washington, where he eagerly sought U.S. investment for his country.

Western economists bere said that the ruble's fall would not necessarily scare off foreign investors.

Government officials, mean- Ostankino television network. while, offered little in the way of reassurance on Wednesday. with many of them focused on

occurred than a mere "crisis of amount of short-range meacapitalism," as some econo- sures to back up the ruble will mists here put it. Several suggested that speculators bad said. caused the plunge in the ruble ment, blamed a plot by com-

Mr. Chernomyrdin was one of the few willing to take the blame himself. "I'd like to say it was a plot of some commercial structures, but I must admit that to a certain extent it was a miscalculation by the government and the central bank," be said in an interview with the

mercial banks.

Mr. Dubinin, the ousted finance minister, said the most important thing now was for the government to keep firm control over inflation and stop

that something more insidious issuing new credits. "If not, no save us in the longer min," be

value. Ivan Rybkin, speaker of the lower house of the Parliament, blamed a plot by commental bank raised a key lending rate in an effort to make the ruble more attractive. But financial experts said the central bank's reserves were already fairly depleted from having propped the ruble up for much of the last year. According to published reports the bank has already spent about half its \$8 billion to \$9 billion reserves.

The bank spent \$90 million on Wednesday to reverse the ruble's fall, but Mr. Gerashchenko said the bank could not do that indefinitely.

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HAITI: President Installed by Military Resigns as Aristide Prepares Return Continued from Page 1 ning into trouble there. The ing to take a large entourage of ists, including the Reverend

ceases to run the administration of state," Mr. Jonassaint said.

The world never recognized the military's designation last May of Mr. Jonassaint, who is not expected to leave the coun-

try. Last week, the neighboring Dominican Republic provided rile to another coun Micbel François, the Port-au-Prince police chief.

lower bouse of Parliament Haitian supporters and foreign- Jesse L. Jackson, members of unanimously declared him persona non grata Tuesday and called on President Joaquin Balaguer Ricardo to expel him.

We cannot allow our country to be converted into a sanctuary for this class of people," said Vinicio Tobal, a spokesman for the opposition Domin-

rince police chief.

spending much of his final days him, a State Department offiton at the White House on FriNow, Mr. François is runin exile in Washington preparcial said. American black activday.

(AP, Reuters, WP)

ers with him to Haiti - so the Black Congressional Cauing to hold down the numbers for security reasons.

he was confident that concerns about his personal security could be addressed. At Mr. Aristide's invitation, returned to office. ecretary of State Warren M.

many that U.S. officials are try- cus and Randall Robinson, a lobbyist, have been invited. Numerous Haitians who Mr. Aristide said Wednesday have shared Mr. Aristide's life abroad will return for what is a

the first time an exiled ruler has Meanwhile, Mr. Arisude is Christopher will return with meet with President Bill Clin-

unique event in Haitian history:

EARN: Dad's Paycheck Is More Likely to Grow if Mom Remains at Home

Continued from Page 1 compared with \$97,490 for those with wives who worked. Earlier research, including a 1982 study based on a nationally representative sample of 5,000 adult men in all types of careers, and a 1992 study using data from a large multinational corporation, found the same

phenomenon. "Everyone knows it's true," said Jeffrey Pfeffer, an author

Stanford University. "It makes sense. It's two people working on one career. It's the argument divorce lawyers use, that the wife at bome was responsible for part of the busband's in-

соше While no one can cite studies to the contrary, some buman

resources experts were skeptical of the pay gap.
"I'm cynical about these re-

organizational behavior at lots of intervening variables," mented in academic circles, rebased in Chicago. "And correso even if having a spouse at tion.

"We have no familiarity with lation doesn't mean causation, none would discuss the ques-

said John Moses, a buman re- mains a sensitive topic among sources researcher at Hewitt corporate officials. Of nearly Associates, a consulting firm two dozen corporate spokesmen who were interviewed.

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said Jeffrey Pfeffer, an author of the 1982 study who teaches sults, because there could be substituted by the pay gap.

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The gap in pay between the not exist," said Scott Brooks of two groups, however well-docu-

RAYS: U.S. Conducted Far More Human Tests Than Previously Known

Continued from Page 1 committee to make a detailed inquiry into-

the experiments. The Tribune article and the previous discussion of unethical radiation experi-ments initiated by Representative Edward J. Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat, at congressional hearings in 1986 suggested

that a thorough search would extend the litany of horrific stories. They also raised questions about what ethical guidelines, if any, bad governed the experiments and at what level in the government the research program had been directed. Dr. Ruth Faden, an ethicist at Johns Hopkins University who is the chairman of the committee, said: "Did we find new borror stories? Well, we know

now that much more experimental work was done than anyone guessed." While the doses received by subjects in most cases were not large, at the time the hazards of low levels of radiation were not known, and consent was not usually

But Dr. Faden did express surprise at the apparent deliberateness of the decision

"Frankly, we did not believe before we

started this that there was much debate

and planning done in connection with these experiments," she said. "But there was, and it was at a high level of the military and scientific establishment. That is not to say what the motive was for these ethical discussions - whether it was high-minded moral reasons or legal reasons or public relations reasons — but

in any case there was an awareness at high

levels that one could not proceed in the

area of radiation and buman experiments

just casually. They took it seriously." Among the papers unearthed by the committee are documents that staff members estimate will increase the number of known experiments by at least 10-fold, from about 60 to 600. Most of the experiments involved exposing troops to varying amounts of radiation, usually without in-forming them of the risks or seeking their future human and animal experimenta-

At the time, the documents suggest, being the subject of experiments was counted as one of the expected hazards of military life and training — not unlike subjecting soldiers to live fire in training exercises and was not considered to be buman experimentation.

The committee also found that, contrary

to the belief that there was little debate

about the ethics of such experimentation in the 1950s, in fact, army ethical guidelines written in 1953 were far stricter than the current rules. But the rules — a nearly verbatim copy of the Nuremberg Code, a set of ethical principles that came out of the Nuremberg war crimes trials after World War II -did

not become operating guidelines, appar-

ently because they were declared top se-One of the most important bits of history lound in the bundreds of thousands of documents so far received by the committee, Dr. Faden said, is that a fixture of current ethical debates — whether it is possible to offer patients bonest treatment and experiment on them at the same time - appears to have been a consideration in even the earliest documents of Cold War

An Atomic Energy Commission memorandum dated April 17, 1947, recommends that human experimentation not be made public. "It is desired that no document be released which refers to experiments with burnans and might have an adverse effect on public opinion or result in legal suits," the memorandum says. "Documents covering such work in this field should be classified secret." The memorandum was

also classified secret. In the fall of 1947 the commission. which later became the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, established a division of biology and medicine and the Advisory Committee on Biology and Medicine,

Two years earlier, 18 patients — the subjects of The Albuquerque Tribune arti-cle — were injected with plutonium to help track its course in the body. The committee has found that in 1947 the military proposed that more systematic studies be conducted. While this was disapproved, some individual experiments, including the in-jection of radioactive material into hu-

mans, continued in June and July 1947. After repeated requests from the military and private researchers to conduct radiation experiments on bumans, Dr. Shields Warren, the chief medical officer of the Atomic Energy Commission, said in July 1949 that he was "taking an increasingly dim view of human experimenta-

The debate continued on one track, but so did the experiments on another, in the absence of firm policy to the contrary. The Defense Department tried to initiate experiments using atomic isotopes to

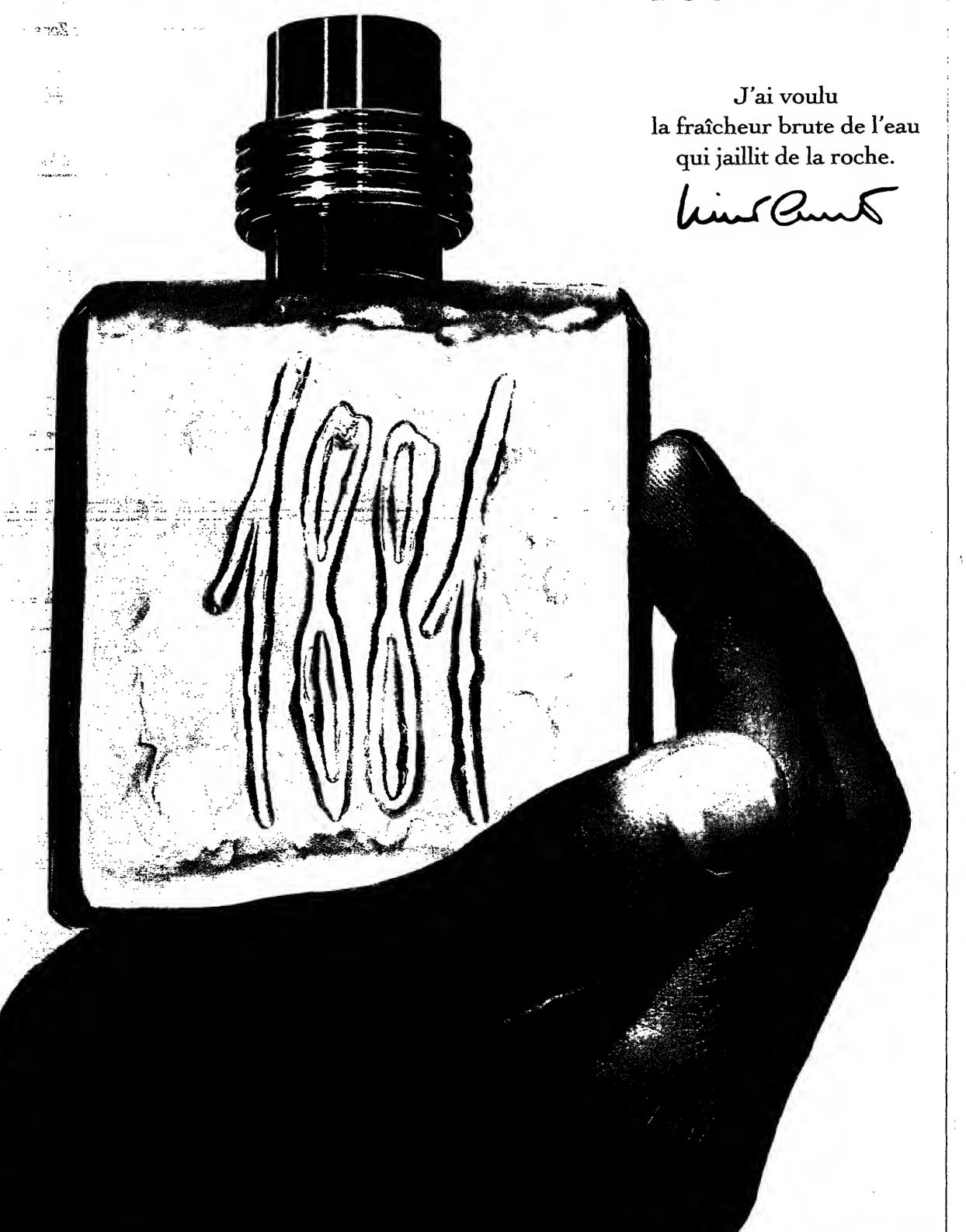
conduct total-body irradiation experi-ments on healthy human subjects. Offi-cials of the commission, chiefly Dr. Warren, protested, but soon relented. Since the commission controlled the supply of radioactive materials, Dr. Warren was apparently able to block some of

the worst experiments, which called for total-body irradiation of healthy subjects. But some researchers were able to get around the commission's objections. Hundreds of people were irradiated by using cancer patients who presumably might have benefited or, at least, whose fives would not be greatly shortened by the

experiments. In September 1951 the Joint Pariel on the Medical Aspects of Atomic Wantare prepared a memorandum saying that there were numerous reasons to conduct himin experiments in atomic bomb explosions and later documents show that at least tou of the experiments mentioned were cause

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⁻Is China Developing ¹ New Nuclear Arms?

Study Cites Recent Testing

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputcies LONDON — An assessment of the yields of nuclear tests conducted by China over the past year suggests it is developing a number of new nuclear weapons, according to a survey

released Wednesday. The annual report on global military power from the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies was prepared before the latest Chinese detonation last week. But it covered earlier nuclear blasts carried out in June and October

"An assessment of the yields nuclear weapons are being developed," the report said.

It said the October explosion had a yield of between 50 and 100 kilotons of TNT while the June test was smaller, between 10 and 60 kilotons. In 1992. China tested a much larger weapon, equivalent to 1 million

"The differences in yields

tested suggest that a number of new weapons are being developed," the institute said

Some experts believe China is trying to develop land-based missiles with increased range, capable of carrying multiple warheads that could be launched at several targets.
The CIA director, R. James

Woolsey Jr., said last year that China was recruiting scientists from the former Soviet Union for help with a wide range of weapons programs.

The report said China was also continuing to develop two new ballistic missiles, one with of the tests and of previous tests an expected range of 8,000 kilosuggests that a number of new meters (5,000 miles) that could be ground or suhmarinelaunched, the other with a range of 12,000 kilometers.

The report also noted that China was modernizing its conventional armed forces, acquiring eight Cobra attack helicop-iers, four Kiowa scout helicopters, and four Chinook transport helicopters in the past



Police in the Bangladeshi capital turning back fundamentalists who marched on a government building Wednesday.

Muslim Militants Protest in Dhaka **Against Feminist**

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Thousands of Islamic mili-tants marched on Dhaka's main government secretariat Wednesday, calling for the execution of the feminist writer Taslima Nasrin, who fled Bangladesh for Sweden two months ago.

Hundreds of policemen stopped the protesters just blocks away from the secretariat. The demonstrators criticized the government for failing to create a blasphemy law to deal with people they consider to be apostates, including Dr. Nasrin.

It was the first major protest against Dr. Nasrin since herdeparture. She sparked outrage among fundamentalist Muslims after an article in which she was quoted as say-ing that Islam's holy book, the Koran, should be "revised

thoroughly."
Dr. Nasrin, who has since received death threats, said she had been misquoted.

caused huge losses to the Indian economy.

Some countries have begun lifting restrictions on

Quarantine officials at China's border with Hong

President Hashemi Rafsanjani of Iran dropped In-

dia from an Asian tour this week, apparently because

Japan Cool To Russian Approach On Kurils

Agence France-Press

TOKYO - Japan reacted coolly Wednesday to a Russian plan for a free economic zone in the disputed Kuril Islands.

The Kyodo news agency quoted sources in Moscow as saying that First Deputy Prime Minister Oleg N. Soskovets conveyed the Russian government's proposal to Japan's am-bassador, Koji Watanabe, on Monday.

Mr. Soskovets reportedly urged Japan's participation in the project to help bring a "constructive solution" to the dispute, which involves four of the Kuril Ilsands, called the Northern Territories by Tokyo. Kyodo said.

news conference Wednesday, "It is difficult for us to accept the proposal for creating a the proposal for creating a free economic zone on the islands with the condition that they are kept under Russia's jurisdic-

Japan maintains that the four islands were illegally occupied by the Soviet Union in the closing days of World War II. Japan demands their return and says that joint development projects on the Kurils are possihie only when Moscow recognizes Japan's sovereignty over

Establishing a free economic zone, where foreign enterprises can be given financial help such as low taxes, was originally part of the Russian government's plan to develop the islands, the Kyodo report said.

But a shortage of funds has forced suspension of the pro-

Following last week's earth-quake, which devastated the Kuril Islandds, Russia is believed to have judged that it should take advantage of the timing and request direct economic help from Japan to re-construct the islands, the report

The quake, measuring 8.1 on the Richter scale, reportedly killed 11 people, injured some 200 others and made about 1,000 people homeless on the

2 More Plague Deaths in India Bring Total to 58

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To Wind Up Talks Thursday

U. S. and North Koreans Aim

North Korean talks on Pyongyang's nuclear program, deadlocked for two weeks, continued Wednesday and the current round is expected to be wrapped up Thursday, officials

The United States has accused North Korea of hacktracking on an outline accord reached in August, under which Pyongyang agreed to open up its nuclear facilities in exchange for technical aid and for diplomatic links with Washington.

Late Tuesday, the North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman, Ho Jong, said there was a slight hope that a way out of the stalemate could be found, "In some parts a little progress was made," he said after an eighthour session at the North Korean diplomatic mission.

The U.S. chief negotiator. Rohert Gallucci, was more

"Whether we really made progress, we won't know until

The Associated Press tomorrow's meeting," he said.

GENEVA — U. S. and In the talks Wednesday, experts were expected to thrash out technical issues.

North Korea is still balking Bombay. The disease has claimed three lives in New

crucial sites, The West suspects the sites

at allowing inspectors into two

contain evidence that North Korea has been developing nuclear weapons.

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TOPICS

British Rewrite

10 Commandments

Two-thirds of young Britons

today live in a moral no-

man's-land in which the line

between good and evil is hadly

blurred, according to a survey.

NEW DELHI - Two more people died of plague Wednesday in the western Indian city of Surat, hring-ing the nationwide death toll from the outhreak of the disease to 58, the Press Trust of India reported.

The two deaths in Surar, the coastal city at the center of the three-week-old plague epidemic, were the first reported in India in five days. The deaths took to 54 the number of plague fatalities in Surat. 270 kilometers (170 miles) north of

Delhi and one in the southern state of Karnataka. Indian officials say the outhreak is under control. The World Health Organization has said the epidemic will be declared over when no new cases are reported for 12 days. The last new cases were reported Sunday.

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Mori research institute found

in a poll taken for the BBC.

And yet, pollsters said, a prac-

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Asked to suggest their own

In recent days the number of suspected patients has led many countries to cut air and sea links with New pered off sharply and many victims have been given. Delhi and impose a variety of travel curbs that have tapered off sharply and many victims have been given a clean bill of health and sent home.

The World Health Organization said the disease had Indian travelers and goods arriving at airports and seaports, but Russia suspended all flights to and from had a "very limited spread" outside of the originally infected areas in and around Surat.

In a statement, the organization said that some cases India on Tuesday. of plague appeared to have been imported into Bom-Kong turned away eight travelers arriving from plague-stricken areas of India, an official report said. bay, but there was no sign of the disease spreading in Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta or Madras.

Pneumonic plague, which can kill people quickly unless it is treated with antibiotics, is spread by fleas from infected rats or by speezes and coughs from of the plague. infected people. afected people.

But Malaysia lifted a two-week-old han on flights to
The outhreak, the first in India in nearly 30 years.

India, the news agency Bernama said. (AFP, AP)

thou shalt treat others as thou : Around Europe

As people live longer, the number of four-generation families in France is growing fast, reports the daily Liberation. In a reversal of conventhy friends; and thou shalt not | tional wisdom, links between generations have become stronger.

The numbers of healthy political correctness, the young grandparents with time group's "11th Command- on their hands has risen even Most members of a sample young people offered this ment," had there been one. as more and more working

group of young people, aged | composite list: Thou shalt not | would have been: Thou shalt | mothers — many of them sin-15 to 35, could identify no | kill; thou shalt not drive | not be sexist. | gle — struggle with the heavy | demands of daily life The result: Grandparents and even great-grandparents play an mportant part in helping with

children and household tasks. In France, about one-third of grandparents, and onefourth of great-grandparents, look after their grandchildren at least one day a week. Nearly 45 percent take the children during school vacations.

Bird-lovers, angered by the Swiss Army's plans to phase

out its carrier pigeon unit, have threatened to force a national referendum on the issue. The government said last month that it planned to give up its 7,000 pigeons within two years and reassign the 266 men responsible for them in a money-saving move. A pro-pigeon committee contended in a pointed letter to the Defense Ministry that the pigeons are still useful, being difficult to spot in wartime, and are popu-

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Bonn's Shaky Free Democrats Still Hold Key to the Vote By Rick Atkinson Washington Post Service BERLIN — As Sunday's German national aleastion nears, the new campaign slogan for the show with 6 or 7 percent, but one survey Whether the party can hreak the 5 percent threshold also needed to remain in the Bundes-tag has become the preeminent question. Most opinion polls this week show the Free Democrats of Germany's 6.5 million foreigners. They also espouse free-market economics, minimal governs. Finally, a party that collected more percent of the vote in Eastern Germ vears ago has been unable to sustain any vears ago has been unable to sustain any

BERLIN — As Sunday's German nauoual election nears, the new campaign slogan for the liberal Free Democrats summarizes the party's plight with unusual clarity: "This time everything's at stake."

kohi sabove all, power. If Mr. above all, power. If Mr. above all, power likely be become the status quo, North Democrats need Free Democrats need For the Free Democrats, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's junior coalition partner, it all hangs in the for 12 years. More likely, he would be forced into a "grand coalition" with the opposition Social above all, power. If Mr. Kohl fails to win a fourth term, it will very likely be because the Free mans see as either healthy or desirable.

A control of the state of the s To preserve the status quo, Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats need Free Democrat support to maintain a majority. But the Free Democrats are the Social Democrats from 1969 until 1932, the floundering badly. In six consecutive state assembly elections, and in the European Parliament elections in June, they failed to muster the requisite 5 percent needed for representation. In several races they have been humiliated, getting only 1.7 percent in Saxony and 2.2 percent in Brandenburg last month.

and thus be bounced from Parliament.

Democrats, a shotgun marriage that few Ger-

The Free Democrats have served as junior partners in all but two of the 16 governments formed in Bonn since 1949. After serving with crats, giving Mr. Kohl the chancellor's office he has held ever since.

In the last election, held shortly after German unification four years ago, the Free Democrats collected a respectable 11 percent, enough get 5 of 20 ministries in Mr. Kohl's government.

In postwar German politics, the Free Demo-crats have positiooed themselves as a guardian of civil liberties and a proponent of greater rights

—in the form of mandatory oursing-home insur-ance. In one campaign gaffe, the Free Democrats declared themselves to be the party of "higher initiative over public intervention. They have been traditionally strong among white-collar professionals, shopkeepers and the German Mit-telstand of midsized companies.

"A Parliament without the liberals - without liberalism, openness and tolerance - that would be a different republic," Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, the Free Democrat party chairman, recently told a German newspaper. "Germany has truly had the good fortune after the war to be ruled from the middle, and oot from the fringes."

But the liberals have been hard-pressed to make the case for their indispensability. The party's recent efforts to promote a leaner federal budget proved ineffectual, as did resistance to wider police eavesdropping powers and the of tempering adoption of yet another social benefit —and tax political left.

Finally, a party that collected more than 10 percent of the vote in Eastern Germany four years ago has been unable to sustain any strength in the East

Not least among the party's woes in Western Germany is a dearth of strong, colorful personalities. Mr. Kinkel, who replaced Hans-Dietrich Genscher as party chieftain two years ago, has never come close to matching Mr. Genscher's popularity or political touch.

Despite these shortcomings, the liberals' chances on Sunday look reasonably good. Under German voting procedures, voters cast two bal-loss: one for an individual parliamentary candidate and one for a party as a whole. The Free Democrats traditionally have benefited from this second ballot, which some voters see as a means of tempering extremes of the political right and

On Election Bourse, Race Is Wide Open German Contest Remains Close For Buyers of Political 'Shares'

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune FRANKFURT - As Gerlap, the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, where hive chip stock prices have risen more than 5 ercent in three days, has clearplaced its bets on Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

But on the Election Bourse operated by the universities of

"It's extremely close, closer than most people realize," said Joachim Weimann, an economics professor in Bochum who supervises the exchange, which on which political parties are bought and sold by electronic mail. "Everything is possible."

Aside from their novelty value, election exchanges are increasingly notable for the quality of their predictions, of teo more reliable than those of estahlished opinion polls.

The trick with this bourse is that we don't ask people which party they personally prefer. but rather how they expect the election to end," Mr. Weimann said, "Personal preferences shouldo't play any role."

"In the last U.S. presidential elections the final results were very close to those predicted by the bourse," agreed Alexander Krone, 25, an economics student with 140 Deutsche marks worth of shares in the Social Democrats, Greens, Democratic Socialists and Others.

According to Wednesday's prices, neither the current ruling coalition of Christian Democrais and Free Democrais, nor the opposition Social Democratic Party and any one other party together, would be worth more than 50 pfennigs, the market equivalent of a parliamenta-He is keeping up an active ry majority.

Mr. Kohl's Christian Demotravel schedule, so much so, in fact, that he will not be making crane Union and its Bavarian pose any policies on Delors that the commission president's tra- sister party, which are hundled ditional farewell tour of EU as one, were listed at 40.8 pfeocapitals. Mr. Delors is also in nigs, the Social Democrats at 35 top form physically, showing no pfennigs, the Free Democrats at trace of the back problems that 6.1, the Greens at 7.9 and the plagued him for much of the reform communist Party of past year. On a visit to Chile Democratic Socialism at 4.4. two weeks ago, "he was fresher The far-right Republican Party. ers do not use the economie after 17 hours on a plane than I with 2.5 pfennigs, and Others, recovery as an excuse to avoid am after 3 hours in a car to with 3.5, were too low to expect to he represented in Parliament.

Despite the recent rise in Frankfurt stock prices, the like-FRANKFURT — As Ger-many enters the final election or another, shakier political alliance is considered almost as likely - in both game and reality - as the continuation of the current regime.

With an air of pride, Mr. Weimann ooted that real-world poll results, after much turhulence, have gradually come Bochum and Regenshurg, the closer to the bourse's, which outcome is far from conclusive. have been "relatively stable" since the it opened for business

on May 30.

In the latest opinion poll from Germany's Allensbach Inpervises the exchange, which stitute, published Wednesday, actually a computer in lowa the two Christian parties boasted 42 percent support, the So-cial Democrats 34.9 percent. the Free Democrats 8 percent, the Greens 8.1 and the reform communists 3.9.

Some 400 students, professors and university employees in Bochum and Regensburg are participating in the exchange, risking sums between 20 and 1,000 marks oo the outcome.

Klaus Zölzer, 31, who has invested 500 DM in the game. agreed that the exchange's prices are relatively objective. "I invested a lot in the Christian Democrats because I thought they were undervalued," he said, adding, "I'm not really the

Jens Wiecking, an institutional investments adviser at Merck, Finck & Co. in Dusseldorf, meanwhile, said the recent rise in Frankfurt stock prices could easily reverse the day after Sunday's vote.

2 Ministers Replaced In Belgian Government The Associated Press

BRUSSELS -- Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene of Belgium has reshuffled his government to replace two ministers, but maintained the political makeup of his center-left coalition, officials said.

Frank Vandenbroecke replaced Willy Claes as foreign minister and deputy prime min-ister; Mr. Claes hecomes NATO secretary-general next week. Johan Vande Lanotte took the place of Interior Minister Louis Tohhack.

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Delors Keeps Mum On a Race in France Cloudy View From Brussels By Tom Buerkle Which it will be is a question that even Mr. Delors's closest International Herald Tribune BRUSSELS - The intenadvisers and fellow Socialist politicians in France cannot antions of Jacques Delors whether to me, or not to run for

'the presidency of France - are the political question of the hour in Paris. But for those looking for an answer, Mr. Delors remains equally an enigma

here in the capital of Europe. The president of the European Commission has gone quiet as he nears the end of his 10year reign, giving few hints of leaping into the French fray but avoiding any controversy that could hinder a campaign.

He has steered clear, for example, of debates over a recent German proposal for faster integration among a hard core of European Union nations or the wider use of English within the

.commission.
... At the same time, Mr. Delors is maintaining a rigorous 12hour workday focused on finetuning a report on johs and competitiveness that he will deliver to EU leaders at their summit meeting in Essen, Germany, in December. His message, calling for lower government defi-cits, increased training and investment and social solidarity

between haves and have-nots,

could serve either as the vale-

dictory plea of a devoted Euro-

pean or as a springboard into

French politics, aides say.

closest advisers," said one Brussels consultant who has worked closely with Mr. Delors, "he doesn't bare his chest."

Mr. Delors has good reasons for staying quiet. His statesman's role as president of the EU executive agency helps keep him at the top of the opinion polls even as he stays free of the Socialist Party's internal wars. A poll in France's Journal du

Dimanche on Sunday confirmed that Mr. Delors was the only Socialist with a chance of winning the presidential elec-tion in May, indicating that he would win a runoff against Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, but would lose narrowly to Prime Minister Edouard Balla-

What is more, uncertainty over the health of President François Mitterrand, who is hattling prostate cancer, is helping to keep Mr. Delors on the sidelines. A sudden deterioration and resignation could prompt a snap election before Mr. Delors steps down in Brussels on Jan. 5, making it hard for him to enter the race. "He hasn't decided yet," said one longtime adviser. Mr. De-

Jacques Delors, talking with an associate Wednesday, is keeping busy as he prepares to leave his EU post in January. lors said in an interview with the Paris oewspaper Libération on Wednesday that he would oot announce a decision before January.

Mr. Delors is "hesitant," this adviser said, because as a man with a passion for policy over politics, he does not relish the demands of an election campaign on his stamina or his fam-

Perhaps more important, a senior Socialist politician who met Mr. Delors recently said he was troubled by an "moober-

ence" between his beliefs and will be to defend his vision of causes of Europe's unemploythe party's direction, including France as helping to forge deep- ment problem. a recent proposal to comhat unemployment by cutting the stump for the party platform, work week to 35 hours with no "The Socialist Party can't im-

Mr. Delors, who is reviled by the far left for turning the Socialists to the hard-money austerity policies long advocated by Europe's conservatives, rejected such painless prescriptions in his white paper on johs and competitiveness.

But if he does decide to run, it attacking the deep-rooted Paris," one aide said.

er European integration, not to contradict his convictions," a senior aide said.

And so for now, Mr. Delors does what comes naturally: work. Aides say he is determined to go to Essen in December to make sure that EU lead-

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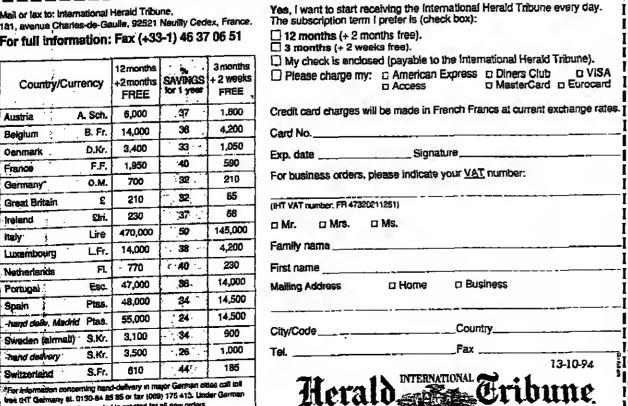
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Truth Corrects the Ruble

Russia's ruble has been falling like a inflation that causes it. The Russians tone, which is dramatic but not necesshave not yet managed to organize an sarily a bad thing. Russia runs a high inflation rate, which makes the ruhle decline against more stable currencies. Its central bank has unwisely devoted a lot of money in recent months to an attempt to hold the ruble firm against the dollar. That kind of artificial propping always fails in the end. The bank apparently realized in late September that it could no longer stave off the inevitable, and ceased its expensive currency support operation. The downward swoop followed, with a tremendous acceleration on Tuesday.

Massive swings in exchange rates are dangerous, not least because they frighten investors and traders who are important to a country's growth. But with the ruble inflating at a rate that fluctuates between 5 and 10 percent a month, it had become severely overvalued in respect to the dollar and the other hard currencies. An overvalued currency is seriously damaging, for it encourages imports of goods for consumption and discourages the exports on which jobs depend. That distortion is now being ended, although in n disruptive way. The real threat to the Russian economy is not the falling exchange rate hut the

effective tax system, and the result is an enormous budget deficit. Until the new Russian state is able to hring its revenues into a reasonable relationship with its spending, it will be idle to talk about stable exchange rates.

Amid all this turmoil and evidence of things gone wrong, it is important not to miss the larger truth that Russia's eco-nomic revolution is, so far, basically suc-ceeding. The standard of living seems clearly to be rising on average, although not for everyone. A well-off commercial middle class is rapidly expanding. More than half the economy's output is being produced by the private sector.

Russia bas immense resources, chief among them a well-educated population. Its economy is capable of growing strongly unless it is crippled by too many political mistakes. Trying to maintain an overvalued ruble was a mistake, but now that is being corrected. Governments habitually confuse exchange rates with national presige and economic bealth, but it is a misconception in which no one else ought to indulge.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Getting China on Board

The United States has now got China to sign on a dotted public line that it will not feed local nuclear missile races in South Asia or elsewhere in the world. That the Chinese had to be dragged into what a responsible country should have seen as a simple recognition of national self-interest is not reassuring. China's insistence on selling M-11 missile technology to Pakistan could not be ignored. Those sales, which could provide a way for Pakistan to deliver nuclear warheads on Indian targets, led the American government last year to cut off Beijing's access to highly prized American satellite technology. Feeling the bite, China eventually came around in its self-protective fashion.

Not that Chinese indulgence of Pakistan has been the sole factor driving South Asia toward a nuclear confrontation. India's work on a ground-to-ground missile of its own also contributes to a looming danger. But what China has been slow to realize is that nuclear nonproliferation necessarily entails a universal commitment. The common requirement to engage South Asia in a broad security dialogue is just a part of it. China goes the wrong way, for instance, when it continues, as it did last week, the nuclear testing that makes it the only continuing tester among the five professed nuclear powers. It goes the right way when it joins, as it also did last week, international efforts to cap nuclear armories by writing a verifiable ban on production of fissile materials.

For the United States, drawing Chinn into the collective of nations seeking limitations on national nuclear arms is just one part, but an essential part, of a large and complex relationship. In President Bill Clinton's time, the crux of it bas been to find a politically sustainable way to promote a reluctant China's adherence to its formal pledges of respect for buman rights. When China's foreign minister was in Washington the other day, his strategy was evident: to offer procedural steps and token progress on buman rights - releasing one prominent dissident, for instance, but continuing to detain many others - while making more substantial progress on other issues.

This was the hasis on which he invited Mr. Clinton to visit China - a trip that would erase the political memory of the Chinese government's anti-democracy Tiananmen massacre of 1989. But China has plenty more work to do on the human rights front to make it worthwhile for an American president to take the trip.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

Doing Right by Poland The Clinton administration is deciding Russia's westernizers strengthen their

whether to admit Poland and other countries in Eastern Europe to NATO, which sia's extremists can use the bogeyman of is tantamount to committing U.S. troops NATO against Mr. Yeltsin and his allies. to their defense. At a recent meeting of many began a drive to broaden membership in the alliance, setting off active discussion in Washington. There are excellent reasons that such a commitment sbould not be made now.

Never mind that Eastern Europe's armies are still largely Soviet-trained and equipped and not ready to join NATO. Enlarging NATO would oblige the United States to defend countries mainly threatened by internal disunity and their own regional rivalries, not Russian resurgence.

Furthermore, expanding NATO now could jeopardize the future of Boris Yeltsin and fellow reformers in Russia, increasing East European insecurity. Why run this risk when NATO membership does not meet Poland's most immediate need, which is political reassurance rather than a military alliance?

It is understandable wby Western-oriented Poles wish to join NATO. For them NATO is Club West. The problem is that most Russians still regard it as a military alliance of America, Germany and others against Russia. That may change as Western ties with Russia thicken and

If NATO is too quick to swallow Po-Yeltsin. Poland will be more secure if Russia stays on the road to reform and out of the hands of vengeful nationalists. Nor is Poland in any immediate dan-

ger. If, despite Western efforts, Ukraine falls apart and Russia reverts to aggressive nationalism, it will be years before it can mobilize an army that could threaten Poland — time enough for the United States to forge a firm military alliance. In the meantime there are ways to tie Poland more closely to the West without stoking Russian nationalism. One is admission to the European Union, which would boost Poland's economy. Another is for NATO to make the most of the Partnership for Peace with Eastern Europe and Russia, moving beyond technical military cooperation and joint exercises to foster democratic patterns of civil-military cooperation. A third is to strengthen the

web of cultural, economic and political contacts between Poland and the West. Such reassurances will meet Poland's legitimate economic and political needs without destabilizing a reforming Russia. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

In Russia, Power Passes Hands

A few days ago the state electric energy company in Moscow cut off power to the Strategic Missile Command Center because the center had not paid its bills.

The transformation of the ex-Soviet Union continues to have unpredictable results which, in this case, could have deactivated one of the most important parts of Russia's military.

The decision, which would bave been inconceivable during the era of Communist totalitarianism, was mobilized

by the deht of more than \$20 million that the Moscow military owes Mosenergo, the state company without which the powerful missiles would not even have the force of firecrackers.

The fact that the measure was approved by the energy company's ghest authorities suggests that the transformation of the political regime has brought a change of mentality from the old monolithic and obedient hureaucracy to the practical and autonomous criteria common in the capitalist world.

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Saddam's Problem Is That He Himself Is the Problem

PARIS — The truth about the current I crisis with Iraq and the reason the United States bas deployed so much force is that the Clinton administration is determined to reach what has become a clear — of course, publicly unavowable — U.S. goal: use Saddam Hussein's mistakes to escalate the pressure on his regime until he is overthrown.

In U.S. eyes, sanctions have gained an unspoken new requirement: they should not be lifted until Saddam is ousted.

Saddam's problem is that his limited notion of realism blinds him to geopolitical facts. Baghdad complains that vindictiveness motivates U.S. opposition to any easing of sanctions, without grasping the full dimensions of policy in Washington. Mistakenly assuming that he can force people to make a deal, Saddam, by his own miscaculations, constantly creates new opportunities for the U.S.-led determination to get sid of him. mination to get rid of him.

In provoking this crisis, his design was to heighten military tensions, boping to arouse fears of a desperate hut destructive Iraqi snicide raid into Kuwait — without actually doing it, of course. His idea was to sbow that be is not paralyzed.

He hrought thousands of stateless Bedouin civilians to the border to mount protest demonstrations against Kuwait, hoping that could create a clamor in the Arab world. It was a miscalculation about his isolation. In fact, most Arah regimes were probably in a mood of "make my day," spoiling for an occasion to see his remaining forces smashed. He also miscalculated U.S. policy. In

his wishful thinking. Saddam wanted to see Jimmy Carter arrive in Baghdad to negotiate with him, perhaps a deal in which sanctions were eased and then be recognized Kuwait.

This obsession with forcing the Americans to make a deal had already backfired once when Saddam tried it with President George Bush, boping to get American attention by invading Kuwait. Instead he got force in 1990. This time again be gets force instead of recognition.

President Bill Clinton, whatever his behavior in other foreign crises, views the Iraqi regime as a dangerous direct threat to the oil-ricb Gulf and to the overall stabilizing climate in the Middle East. So Washington has firmly adopted a policy of bermetically isolating Iraq, a strategy similar to the policy of containment to-ward the Soviet Union in the Cold War. By Abdul-Karim Abou-Nasr

The object is to weaken Saddam's regime and show other leaders that he is a parish who can be ignored.

Already before this crisis, U.S. officials had let it be known that Washington was determined to maintain the United Nations emhargo against Iraqi oil sales until further world economic growth stimulated the oil market so that fresh supplies would not harm exporting countries that have resisted Iraq.

Nor was Washington ready to see the Iraqi embargo lifted until a peace accord had been reached between Israel and Syria — as a sign of which countries are rewarded, which punished. As part of this policy of quarantine, Washington even frowned on political feelers put out

by Israel toward Iraq.
The fact is that the Clinton administration does not want anyone to make any deal with Saddam or even negotiate with him over sanctions. Any contact could start his rehabilitation.

Why is Washington so hostile to Saddam now after choosing to leave him in power after the Gulf War? His survival in 1991 stemmed partly from an agreement, which Arah leaders have disclosed, that the coalition would not enter Baghdad. But instead of seizing that opportunity for a "conversion" in his thinking - as Mr. Clinton once said be was boping to see - Saddam bas sunk deeper into his

old reflex of bullying.

This crude tactic is Saddam's idea of "realism" -a phony toughness that used to be shared by many leaders in the Middle East, including Israelis, Now, in contrast, all these leaders -- both Israelis and men like the PLO's Yasser Arafat and Syria's Hafez Assad - have adopted a new definition of political realism, involving compromises after hard work to gauge the halance of forces and limits

of each side's vital interests, including one's own self-interest.

Even Libya's Moammar Gadhafi has observed enough of this change to learn to keep quiet. Only Saddam doesn't get it — that by scorning political realism as capitulation and loss of face, he is completely out of phase with what is happening around him.

What did his tough-guy "realism" dictate this time? Saddam knew that the UN special commission on Iraqi disarmament, in a report delivered on Oct. 10. was not going to call explicitly for an end to sanctions. He was convinced that efforts by other countries, mainly France, Russia and Turkey, would fail even to ease sanctions against the opposition of the United States, Britain and the Gulf states. Ignoring the advice of his French and Russian friends - that good behavior might gradually win clemency — he resorted to a show of force.

That is fast turning out to display not his strength but his weakness. Saddam, used to getting his way by creating crises, fails to grasp the new rules of the game. By creating a crisis, he loses.

What will happen now? To overthrow the regime, U.S. forces would have to

occupy Iraq long enough for a new gov-ernment to emerge. That would require a commitment of ground forces that seems out of the question. The iraqi opposition has not yet been able to lay the ground-

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work for a popular revolution.

The alternative is to increase the beat until it ultimately produces a military, coup in Baghdad. The most likely first step is an international agreement to impose a demilitarized zone on southern Iraq to box Saddam in more tightly. If he is foolish enough to dely it, U.S.-led coalition forces will issue an ultimatum, then fly air strikes to destroy any military target they can find - not just heavy weapons, but communications facilities, command bunkers, headquarters.

Saddam Hussein is not mad, but he is a textbook case of denial. He refuses to see that the Gulf War-sealed: a deal between the United States and its Arab allies: there would he only one policy toward Iraq, a policy of "no deal" — and continued punishing isolation until Iraq disgorges Saddam.

The writer, a prominent Arab political commentator, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Amid the Bluster, Threats to Transfer Saddam's War Abroad

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton bas responded with splendid resolve to Iraq's military thrusts toward Kuwait. But President Clinton and his generals should not simply prepare to relight the last war again. Saddam Hussein won't.

Saddam is not likely to wage the war be has in mind for Mr. Clinton only in the deserts of the Iraqi-Kuwaiti frontier. The Iraqi dietator has openly warned this president to yield to his demands or face terror attacks on the United States and its allies.

It is not true that Saddam is completely irrational or unpredictable, as many in the West assume. He manipulates the politics of brute force better than most leaders. And as he did in the spring and summer of 1990, before he invaded Kuwait, be is again broadcasting the steps he intends to take if his threats go unheeded.

On Sept. 27, Saddam promised in a speech to his followers that he would not stand by and allow Iraqis "to die of hun-ger" because of United Nations sanctions. The speech was immediately analyzed by Baghdad newspapers under his direct control. They asked if the United By Jim Hoagland

States really failed to understand "the meaning of every Iraqi becoming a missile that can cross to countries and cities."

Saddam's scribes went on to warn the world community in these terms in the following

People have now started to prepare for hot confrontations in more than one country and continent.'

days: "When peoples reach the verge of collective death they will be able to spread death to all." And: "The patience of the Arabs and Muslims is about to reach its end and people bave now started to prepare for bot confrontations in more than one country and continent."

Empty Iraqi rhetoric intended to influence the UN debate on lifting sanctions? Or real threats that Saddam Hussein will try to execute? America's only answer can be to hope for the former

and prepare for the latter - especially as sketchy evidence sug-gests that the Iraqis may have already put in motion terrorist

networks in America. But that evidence and the threats coming out of Baghdad had not engaged the Clinton administration, preoccupied at home, in Haiti and elsewhere, before last weekend. My guess is that Saddam moved his Republican Guard units through the desert to focus Mr. Clinton's attention on the dangers that Iraq still poses and on the

deal that would avoid them. Do not be surprised, or deceived, if Saddam now indicates that he will lower the tensions he has created and recognize Kuwait's frontier, the major remaining burdle he has to clear to get sanctions lifted. In his mind recognizing Kuwait would be a meaningless commitment that be could reverse when the circumstances change. He has over the years signed and torn up treaties fixing Iraq's border with Iran in the Shatt al Arab waterway as his needs dictate.

For Saddam, frontiers are etched in blood shed in battle,

not in ink scrawled on treaties.

That is why he will be a threat to his neighbors as long as he and has concluded that the New his Ba'ath party survive in power. George Bush and his generals, Colin Powell and Norman

Schwarzkopf, cootinued to un-derestimate Saddam when they made the political decision to let him recover key Republican Guard divisions from the Kuwait theater and stay in power at the end of Operation Desert Storm. The Clinton administration was also taking for granted Saddam's greatly weakened state until this new wake-up call.

At the Justice Department there has been no aggressive pursuit of the many loose ends created by Iraqi penetration and manipulation of U.S. hanks in the Bush years.
More surprisingly, Justice has

dragged its feet in pursuing Abdul Rahman Yasin, an American citizen of Iraqi origin who fled to Baghdad after being questioned about his role in the bombing of New York's World Trade Center 19 months ago. The Yasin case and Iraq's po-

tential involvement in the World Trade Center blast have been pursued more diligently by Laurie Mylroie, a perceptive analyst

York attack may have been part of a hroad revenge campaign by Saddam that included the plot to assassinate President Bush in Kuwait in April 1993,

That is why she picked up on the recent rush of threatening statements in the Baghdad media much more quickly than did government counterterrorist agencies, which have not assigned a high priority to countering Sad-dam's operatives in America. The Iracis were unable to mount terror operations during Desert Storm, the government agencies recall. Why would they try now?

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There can be no excuse for misreading Saddam again. The counterterrorist agencies need to make Iraq their top priority.

Iraq's coercive diplomacy cannot be rewarded with a deal on sanctions. President Clinton, wbo ordered a one-shot retaliatory raid on Baghdad for the Busb plot, needs to emphasize consistently to all government departments, not just the Pentagon, that Saddam's survival is a continuing threat to American interests at home and abroad.

The Washington Post.

Time for Hillary to Remember Eleanor and Mount the Big Platform

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton's office is surprisingly modest, not much larger than that of a junior partner at a big law firm, with a poster-size photograph of her husband, looking serious and a bit tired, gazing down from the wall. The size of the room belies ber influence. The framed black-andwhite photograph of Eleanor

Roosevelt on a table bespeaks it. Her staff say reports that she has withdrawn from a policymaking role after the crash-andburn denouement of health care reform are simply wrong. After the first couple's Vineyard vacation, reporters wrote that Mrs. Clinton, bruised and battered by criticism of everything from her investments to her wardrobe, had fled to California to escape the pressures of politics.

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To Help Others, However Distant

Following are excerpts from South African President Nelson Mandela's speech last Thursday to a joint session of the U.S. Congress:

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By Anna Ouindlen

Kathleen Brown," Lisa Caputo, Mrs. Clinton's press secretary, says drily. "We made about 11 stops in a day and a half."

But it is indeed the moment for Mrs. Clinton, approaching mid-term, to give day-to-day policy a pass, not out of weakness but out of strength. In the first half of her hushand's administration she showed off her abilities. It is now time for the best use of them.

It is Mrs. Clinton herself who brings up the old analogy of making legislation and making sau-sage, neither a pretty sight, and takes note of how much sausageit. Perhaps, she says, that needs to be "better balanced with what the context is, what the values are." No one in the administration,

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Surely the order of the day is:

The Washington Post.

Forward, march.

I do believe that the people of

international relations?

making the administration has undertaken, with her in the thick of with the exception of the president, is better qualified to bal-ance the day-to-day with defining rhetoric and use the hully pulpit to best advantage. Mrs. Clinton is a gifted public speaker, and some of her messages may come as a surprise to a public that has come to see ber as a knee-ierk left liberal.

"There's been this false debate about children's issues," she says, where you've got the right basically blaming parents and families for everything that's wrong with children and denying that society or the government has any role to play in shoring up families so they can take care of their own needs.

"And then you've got the left engaging in the other half of the false debate, which is excusing inadequate or neglectful parenting, excusing what I see as irresponsihle parenting and saying every-thing is the fault of society in the abstract and that government has to solve all these problems."

"We're just going to have to think differently," she adds, "get beyond the old categories of right and left and liheral and conservative."

If Mrs. Clinton, a longtime activist for children, travels the country making major speeches about such family issues, it will surely be said that sbe is trying to soften her image, that instead of sausage she is making word cookies. "Compared to Nancy Reagan or Barbara Bush," says a reporter who has covered all three, "she's a warm fuzzy, charming and funny. But somehow it doesn't come across."

The woman who stays up late line-dancing to Motown music at the tail end of the state dinner for

Nelson Mandela is in stark contrast to ber dour Mother Courage image. Many Americans have un-derestimated how much of what they see in her is a complex reaction to the changes in the roles of women. And she has underestimated how much rancor is not a function of such gender confusion at all but a genuine disagreement with what she has done and

win, whose new book "No Ordinary Time" looks at Eleanor Roosevelt during the war years, spoke to the Washington radio commentator Diane Rehm about the two activist first ladies. "Eleanor deliberately chose to represent

how she has done it. Recently Doris Kearns Good-

herself as a voice for outsiders,"
Ms. Goodwin said. "She would talk for hlacks, for poor people, for migrant workers who didn't have access to power." Ms. Goodwin added: "It

makes me wonder whether or not Hillary might be better off rethinking the strategy, not so much being the insider. She, too, could have an enormous platform in the country at large."
Perhaps the fact that Mrs. Clin-

ton called Ms. Goodwin immediately after the broadcast meant that she saw the wisdom in those words. The White House office may not be very big, but the platform is buge, and the time is right. The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: China Seeks Peace

SHANGHAI - China is suing for peace. Her intermediary in the negotiations with the Japanese Government is the British Minister at Tokio. China offers to give guarantees to respect the independence of Corea and will further pay a large war indemnity to Japan. The British Minister O'Conor is waiting Japan's reply at Pekin and will communicate it to the Chinese Government.

1919: Censorship Ceases

PARIS - France from to-day [Oct. 13] really enters upon her triumph, and even the press now returns to the liberties it enjoyed in the piping times of peace. For by the decrees promulgated this morning in the "Journal Offi-ciel" the state of siege in France

censorship. Civilians free in their eritieism of State officials no longer run the risk of facing a firing squad at dawn. And the irate editor and anxious printer have no further need of expletives with which they eased their minds when the Censor kept the machines waiting to run off the first numbers to catch the early trains.

1944: Attack on Formosa

PEARL HARBOR — [From our New York edition:] One thousand American planes attacked Formosa, just north of the Philippines, concentrating on the island's three most important towns, the Tokyo radio announced today [Oct. 12]. The report was not confirmed by the Navy here, but if true this would be the greatest air armada would be the greatest air armada and Algeria ceased yesterday, and with it disappears the press a single operation. ever sent against the Japanese in

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Long-Armed Russian Mafias Manacled Now town i the action of the little of the section of t

By Flora Lewis

Me has the least the second of I sian criminal gangs and orga-nized crime in the West are developing rapidly, and ominously. Now, Russian experts report that substantial amounts of money from drug traffickers elsewhere are being sent traffickers elsewhere are being sent thing," he said, "or else the mafia into the country for laundering, at a would turn up in Moscow the very solid fee, and then sent hack to the
Western mafias.

next day demanding 20 percent."

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These ries are becoming a serious man, director of the Russian Research Center at Harvard, says there are 4,000 racketeering gangs, which the Russians call maffas, in the in Russia now.

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Alternative to the manufacture of the particle It is much more than a police problem. As Western efforts to stanch narcotics trade have shown. when the amount of money involved gets big enough, police are over-whelmed and often corrupted. Many billions are involved here. The rackets reach far beyond drugs, affecting all kinds of husiness.

A choke point, where there is a chance of cutting it off, would be in monitoring international financial transfers. When I wrote about this a few months ago, suggesting a new international agreement to identify and track criminals' money, I expected outraged complaints from businessmen and hankers saying that it would be an intolerable intru-

sion on the freedom of the market. But talking to a group of international executives gathered recently in Budapest under the auspices of A. T. Kearney, an American consulting firm, and to a number of others since, to my surprise they all responded enthusiastically. Enough of them have bumped up against the criminals' approach to be aware of the terrible climate it makes for do-

ing husiness and to be eager for some reliable legal protection. In Russia, in Marshall Goldman's words, gangs "have gained great sway over 70 to 80 percent of domestic businesses and are now demanding tribute from and even partnership with foreign husinesses." The going rate for "protection" (from the gangs' own retribution) seems to be 20 percent of income.

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A New York merchant banker told

PARIS—The links between Rusme that he stumbled on an example, without leaving Manhattan. His firm gave a small loan to a Russian company and, as usual, was about to announce it with a brief press release. "They begged us not to say any-

Duma, Ivan Rybkin, figures that menace to business. Marshall Gold- \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion leaves the country illegally each month.

Crime has become one of the main threats to Russia's chances for emerging from economie disaster country and lists them as a major, and consolidating the foundations reason foreigners should not invest of democracy, a strategic issue for the West. But the new organizational pacts among criminals make a mockery of borders and national police. Two new factors permit this.

One is technical, the new 24-houra-day instant flow of money around the world, the globalized economy that gangsters have learned to use The other is a huge leap in the amounts available to criminals as they link up and provide services to one another. A few million dollars may suffice to corrupt local police and bureaucrats who have to stamp forms. But here we are talking about billions - an estimated \$25 billion enough to buy some countries.

The worst situation does seem to be in Russia. The government appears helpless. But the imminent, much greater threat is the new international connections. The countries under attack need to join to create a counterforce. It would not take very many, a dozen or so major financial centers coordinating reports of large, unexplained transfers and some better ehecking of invoices on big shipment of a few commodifies.

The same technical facilities that help the criminals make that feasible. The money is moved by computer and can be traced. What is missing is agreement hy governments to establish a tracking center and a set of rules. It has never been done - hut money never rushed around before in this way, on this scale.

It is one of the most important steps the West could take to support Russian democracy. But the West, too, is menaced by the growing weh of international crime and the power it is acquiring. Businessmen are becoming aware of it. No government can confront it successfully alone. The U.S. requirement that hanks report any cash deposit over \$10,000, to harass the drug trade, is easily evaded because the money can be moved across a border. Governments need to act together. O Flora Lewis

A Gentle Rebuke to Those Doubters of Indian Expertise

SINGAPORE — Every 12 years, a million devout Hindus crowd into the little town of Hardwar in the foothills of the Himalayas for a ritual dip in the swift-flowing waters of the sacred Ganges. Every imaginable borror - disease, drownings, fire, stampedes would seem to await those pilgrims. Yet nothing could be more tranquil than the Kumbh Mela festival.

On a visit to Hardwar for the festival, I tried to cut corners with an inoculation cer-

MEANWHILE

tificate that lacked the full array of officially required jabs. Without taking the least notice of my expostulations, an orderly in a medical tent at a eheckpoint along the road ordered me to roll up my sleeve, got his syringe out

and gave me a poke.

So I can understand why India politely declined assistance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta during the recent plague outbreak. There is little that anyone can teach Indian doctors. After all, Britain's health service would long ago have collapsed without them.

If India is woefully short of drains, sewage disposal systems, sanitation, garbage trucks and garbage incinerators, it is not for a lack of awareness of public health and hygiene but because of insufficient resources. Once Indians would wake up to the By Sunanda K. Datta-Ray

daybreak swoosh of water from hose pipes scouring the streets clean. But as cities exploded and municipal treasuries emptied, the luxury of cleanliness was ahandoned. All this occurred to me when my nephew flew into Singapore from Calcutta the other day at the height of the plague scare.

At Caleutta airport he said, a team of doctors had gone over him thoroughly. searching for telltale lumps, checking his temperature, listening carefully to his forced cough. In contrast, the Changi International Airport in Singapore could not have been more relaxed. A casual question or two and he was waved through.

Not for Singapore the panic measures of Gulf airports, where paramedics in white eoats were hauling passengers from India off to isolation wards. Clearly, Chang's doctors placed full credence in the assurances they had received from their Indian counterparts. Reeling from quarantine restrictions imposed by many other countries, India could not fail to be impressed by that token of confidence.

When a far worse peril, the Great Bengal Famine, carried off more than a million Indians in 1942. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru thanked China and Ireland, poor and struggling themselves, for sending food. "India has a long memory," he wrote, "hut whatever else she remembers or forgets, she will not forget these gracious and friendly acts." Nor will India forget ungracious and

unfriendly acts during its recent ordeal. There is an uplifting moral in the meticulous medical examination my nephew had to undergo before he was allowed to leave Calcutta. For what is ordinary in the West is not so in a country where a ship's captain usually gers his de-ratting certificate by plying the inspectors with Scotch whisky.

Cynics might argue that the international boycoit forced India to be conscientious. I am convinced that responsibility, not fear, was the spur.

I have childhood memories of young toughs in Calcutta abandoning the intersections where they usually hung about, whistling at the girls, tu rise magnificently to the challenge of a garbagemen's strike. Handkerehiefs tied over their noses, they got down to work with huekets and hrooms.

When the sweeping and the swabbing was done and the strike called uff, all those lusty lads returned to their streetcomer idleness. But not before they were invited to a sumpluous thank-you tea at the palace of the British colonial governor.

A similar pride rides Caleutta's modest Metro. It is the only one in India. More important, it represents the only major investment in the city since the British left. Unlike the rest of a fly-blown, litter-covered metropolis, the Metro is spotlessly clean. Legend has it that when a passenger followed habit and threw his ticket on the platform, a dozen others forced him to pick it up and take it to the trash can.

Those same paragons of civic duty might urinate against walls elsewhere in the city. But the Metro is the shrine of their aspirations. It is a temple to the future. They will not desecrate it.

India has gone through a medieval pageant of earthquake, flood and disease. I hope that will be enough to cleanse the past and rebuild the future without the ordeal of fire to complete the apocalyptic circle. as in Restoration London.

The ability to make the best of circumstances, to bend before the gale then to rise again, is perhaps India's greatest strength. The government's account books bear out this resilience. In June 1991, the country faced bankruptcy with barely \$1 million in the kitty. Now at \$20 billion, its reserves are increasing by \$1 billion a month.

A single plague death diminishes a nation. But India is limping back to normal. Several thousand demonstrators took to the streets of New Delhi recently to demnnd a new state. The report reassured me. While there is politics, there is life.

The writer, a former editor of The Statesman in Calcutta, is now an editorial consultant to The Straits Times in Singapore. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

seems to forget, there are two coun-

and the Republic of Ireland, where

Mr. Adams's Sinn Fein commands a

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BRENDAN HUMPHREYS.

unionists were already a minority.

IRA "death squads" have made

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tiny I percent of the electorate.

The WHO Record

Regarding "An Ongoing Torture" (Letters, Sept. 22) from E. Armas:

The letter writer reproaches the World Health Organization for ignoring the issue of female genital mutilation. Permit me to set the record straight.

WHO is a technical support agency whose role is to respond to countries' requests for information and assistance. Efforts to eliminate female genital mutilation must come primarily from the countries concerned if they are to have long-term impact. Therefore, WHO has concentrated on disseminating information about the health consequences of the practice to health professionals, governments and nongovernmental organizations.

WHO's regional offices, particularly in the eastern Mediterranean and Africa, have long worked to draw attention to the serious health implications of female genital mutilation. WHO initiated one of the first research projects on the extent of the problem in 1976.

WHO has consistently expressed unequivocal opposition to any medi-calization of the practice hy health professionals. The organization has worked to bring the issue to the attention of other agencies such as the UN Committee on Human Rights.

Successive World Health assem-blies and regional committees have called for the elimination of female genital mutilation. Such resolutions provide the policy basis for dealing with the issue, bearing in mind that action in the affected countries will have a better chance of success if it comes from national and local women's organizations or from government departments, not from outside, DR. TOMRIS TÜRMEN,

Geneva.

Adams as Peace Advocate

Regarding "An Irish Peace Is Not a Chimera, Please Let the Talks Start Now" (Opinion, Oct. 5) by Gerry Adams:

Reading Gerry Adams ("reach out and return our embrace ... "), I thought I was listening to Diana Ross. It is almost impossible to see any sense in his verbal mist. But one thing must be noted: He mentions Ireland seven times but Northern Ireland only once, and his concluding comment is on "our country." Which country? As Mr. Adams

Besides the military presence in Northern Ireland (which gives the

be part of it.

lie to the notion that it is a "normal" part of the United Kingdom) there is a further irritant to Irish nationalists (and others) that both William Safire ("Scenaria far a Workable Irish Peace," Opinion, Oct. 4) and Mr. Adams overlooked, namely the 18th century act of settlement which stipulates that the monarch must be a practicing member of the Church of England, thus ensuring that Catholics, Jews and Muslims cannot become loyal subjects of Her Majesty,

even if they should form a majority tries in Ireland: Northern Ireland in the kingdom. JAMES G. KEEHAN.

Gort, Ireland. With one simple gesture. Gerry Adams could succeed in his wishes, end Prime Minister John Major's "games" and force Mr. Majur tu engage" with him. That yesture is to hand over all the IRA's arms,

Army, trusted by everyone. He could invite a European commission to oversee the process. Show us your mettle, Mr. Adams, show us your strength and your faith

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in God with this simple gesture. W. E. LEES. Madrid.

Gerry Adams states that one of the current disagreements is whether, for example, the results of referendums held in Ireland, north and south, should be counted together or separately." But Ulster is, and has been for almost 200 years, a part of the United Kingdom. The Scots, Welsh and English might or might not wish for Ulster to secede. Let them express their wishes, too.

D. H. CLARKE. Osterville, Massachusetts.

I am outraged by the dignity you have aecorded Gerry Adams hy printing his comment. The British feel strongly that Mr. Adams fronts for a murderous band of terrorists in Northern Ireland. Their expenence supports this. He carefully avoids characterizing the cease-fire as "permanent." Why, then, play his song to our cars?

THEODORE SIMPSON. Plaisance, France.

From Terrorists to Heroes Regarding "Nobel Panelist Objects

to Prize for Arafat" (Oct. 12): So Kaare Kristiansen wants to resign from the Nobel committee to protest its selection of Yasser Arafat for the Nobel Peace Prize (along with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin)? Let him! In case he needs reminding, Nelson Mandela was a convicted terrorist. And many considered Menaehem Begin a murderer for his involvement in the Jewish underground group that bombed the King David Hotel.

Perhaps Mr. Kristiansen should be reminded that one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter. BARBARA BEECH. Brussels.

BOOKS

WHAT THEY RE READING

ONE TRUE THING

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By Anna Quindlen. 289 pages. \$22. Random House.

Reviewed by Carolyn See PEOPLE may get lost in the gruesome topicality of what happens in "One True Thing." Don't many of us have parents who are looking peaked, acting as if they might die? And isn't their demand, "When I get too sick to take care of myself, I want you to be the one to give me the pills, the seductive combination of vodka, morphine, Nembutal etc., because there's no one else I can trust to do it"?

So it's easy to get caught up in what to do about aging parents, and the pros and cons of mercy killing. But the real question this novel poses is: Which is it better to be, good or smart?
In a moderately perfect world,
might it be possible to be both?
In the Gulden family, who

live in the pretty college town of Langborne, the lines are clearly drawn. George Gulden is chair-man of the English department and one of those guys who - if avoid like hives. If you don't have his number, you'll be up in his office past 10 o'clock at night performing the sexual act with him on an uncomfortable with him on an uncomfortable couch, thinking you're having a all this is that Ellen is not lead-

peak experience. George is all charm to the ladies, a 'wonderperson whose real label can't be written in a family paper. He sets great store by being smart, but he's second-rate down to his elbow patches. At some level he

knows it, and that doesn't im-

reading again."

• Carla Bruni, the model, is

reading "The Name Above the Title" hy Frank Capra and "No-

tre Coeur" by Guy de Maupas-

prove his disposition. His two sons can't stand him. But one of the women he has totally charmed is his eldest child, Ellen, who writes awardwinning essays in high school, gets to Harvard and then to a magazine job in New York, where she dwells in relief and joy. She's following in her father's footsteps and even more she may be out-striding him.

"I love [Capra]. It's incredible. It's the complete American dream. Notre Cocur is a typical, small romance that I'm (Ilise Gersten, IHT) ing her mother's life, which the

> all the bedrooms by herself and tumes and zucchini soup, and mitting a mercy killing. she's been a fountain of love tu her family. She has put up with her husband's compulsive foolmg around and never mentioned it. At age 46, she is beau-tiful, respected and loved by the whole town. She is good, hut who cares? Her children bathe in her love but notice it hardly

more than a fish notices water. Then sweet Kate gets cancer in her liver and ovaries. Professor Gulden orders Ellen to give up her good joh and come home to take care of her mother. There's no way on earth he's going to do it, and the boys have to go off to college. Ellen protests hitterly. She's worked Past.

so hard to put tugether her own life! And besides, something about her mother gives her the creeps. Ellen feels betrayed. After all the prizes and honors and attention, is this what her life is going to end up being?

But Kate very shyly suggests that they set themselves a reading project: to take a look again Pride and Prejudice." "Great Expectations," Karenina." She wants to be able to talk to her smart daughter. and offers some gutsy, variant readings on the classics. It follows that in the next several months Ellen develops a cautious respect for her mother's smart daughter has known all mind, a mild envy for her depth along is a mug's game. Kate of character - the way she has never got to go to college and made love and goodness her has devoted her life to her hus- currency and become, in that band and children. She papered currency, very wealthy indeed.

But the cancer is relentless papered matching picture and in another couple of frames as well. She found furni- months Kate is begging Ellen to ture, which she stripped and re-kill her. Dad is absolutely unfinished. Her garden is lovely available for comment, holed enough for House Beautiful up in his office with compliant She's made her home a jewel of students. The misery hecomes domesticity on an English pro- unbearable. Kate dies from a fessor's salary. She has made heavy overdose of morphine, cookies and Halloween cos- and Ellen is arrested for com-

All this comes in Part 1 There's a lot more here, which deals with medical questions and the assignment of roles in any given family, and what is really "had," what is really "good." But like all excellent novels, "One True Thing" asks us one more time: How should we be spending our lives? How should we live? This is a hypnotically interesting novel, straight and plain, and very lov-

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott N the first day of the 1992 NEC World Championships, Luciana Capodanno of Naples, a former world champion, was the only player to overcome the bad trump split on the diagramed deal and bring home six diamonds. West's Michaels cue-bid, showing length in the major suits, suggested that bad breaks were likely.

A heart was led, and Capodanno as South took a free finesse by playing dummy's jack. She threw a spade from her hand, led a club to the ace, and ruffed a club in the dummy. She then cashed dummy's three major-suit winners, ruffed a heart and ruffed a club to reach this ending:

NORTH SOUTH

A low spade from the dummy forced East to ruff with the eight. South overuffed, ruffed her club ten with the diamond queen and led a spade. East's trumps were only worth one trick, and the slam was made.

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HEALTH / SCIENCE

Shearing Horn Of Rhino Doesn't Stop Poaching

By Bill Keller New York Times Service

WANGE NATION-AL PARK, Zimhabwe - The hlack rhinoceros wore a radio collar and her horns had been shorn with a chainsaw to make her less valuable.

Even so, Million Sibanda shouldered an AK-47 assault rifle as he circled in, trickling dust through his fingers to make sure he was downwind.

The gun was not for the rhino, hut for poachers, who would kill the beast just for the pathetic stump remaining on her face — and would kill a park scout like Sibanda for being in the way.

In the war for the future of the hlack rhinoceros, one of the planet's most ancient and endangered mammals, Zimbabwe has been an emharrassing rout.

Even the leaders of the conservation campaign use phrases like 'spectacular failure" to describe the country's calamitous fiveyear decline from Africa's richest haven, with as many as 2,000 black rhinos, to a ravaged population of fewer than 300 today.

Beginning in May 1992, Zimhahwe darted every rhinoceros it could find with a tranquilizer gun and sawed off its horns, on he theory that poachers would bypass a hornless animal.

Milky Way: Doubts **About Black Hole**

LONDON - The Milky Way may not have a black hole at its center after all. French and Russian astronomers who used the Sigma telescope aboard the Russian spacecraft GRANAT to measure X-rays and gamma rays from the alleged hlack hole say their findings show less energy coming

from the object than expected. The astronomers, led by scientists of the Service d'Astrophysique at the Centre d'Etudes in Saclay, France, wrote in the journal Nature that something dark and massive was there, but it did not act like a black hole.

But so dramatically have Zimbabwe's tactics failed that the country now proposes a radical new approach: undercutting the poachers by legalizing trade in rhino horns, which are prized in Asia where they are ground into a fever-reducing potion and in Yemen for ceremonial dagger handles.

Mike Kock, the state veterinarian who oversees the rhinos in Zimhabwe, envisions state farms where herds of rhinos would be harvested like flocks of sheep. The horns grow back about three inches a year.

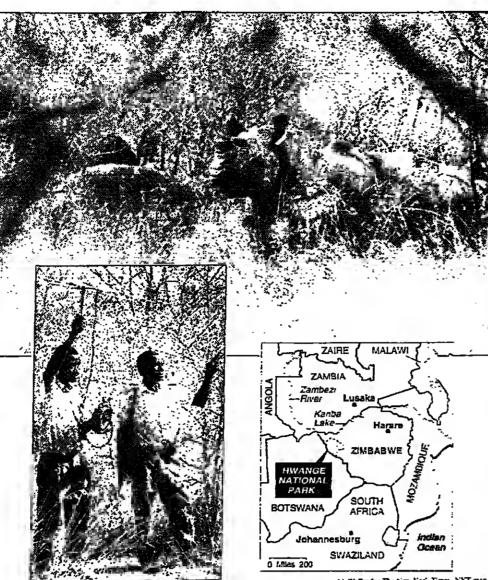
In November, at a meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, of the rhino committee of the Convention on fnternational Trade in Endangered Species, which is the main international treaty on wildlife trade, South Africa and Zimbahwe plan to support a resolution lowering the protected status of the more plentiful white rhino, as a first step toward legal trade in the horns. Despite the new respect South Africa commands after the election of President Nelson Mandela, the committee is virtually certain to reject the proposal.

The public outery would be too great, and even among wild-life officials in southern Africa, where commercial use of wildlife is a favored method of conservation, there is dehate about whether it would drive the price low enough to put poachers out of husiness.

In Zimhabwe's case, the critics say, it is not the ban that has failed, hut the government, which has been unwilling to do the one thing that does seem to save rhinos; spend money. "The Zimhabwe hudget for national parks in 1981 was \$18 million," said Esmond Bradley Martin, a Nairohi-based consultant to the World Wildlife Fund. "It is \$5 million today."

Mr. Martin pressed Zimba-hwe unsuccessfully last year to do what most other countries self). Admission to this park, rich in wildlife have done: raise for example, costs \$2.50, and a do what most other countries park admissioo fees, at least for affluent foreign visitors.

By spending money oo pro-tection, Mr. Martin said, South Africa has increased the num-



Park employees tracking rhinos in Zimbabwe; rhino with sheared horns.

dozen to about 900, now the been killed hy poachers in the largest number in Africa. Na- last decade) and the lack of sucmihia and Kenya, which invested heavily in intelligence networks to foil poachers, have

also made headway. Thanks to those countries, the hlack rhino's plummet towards extinction, from 65,000 grounds. in 1970, is thought to have leveled off at around 2,500 today.

UT Zimhabwe has not given its parks the same priority. It charges visitors a frac-tion of the fees demanded in other countries (or at the private resorts in Zimhahwe itcozy bungalow for two people rents for \$15 a night.

Glenn Tatham, the chief warden of Zimbabwe's parks, says his staff is demoralized by low ber of black rhinos from a few pay, danger (four rangers have poach."

cess. They are up against seasoned killers, who perfected their skills by exterminating the rhinos of Zamhia, then moved south across the Zamhesi River

in search of new hunting

Rangers here say the poachers may cross the long, poorly policed border, kill a rhinoceros, back off the horn and disappear. Or they may camp and prey on a park for months before lugging their booty back to the well-established wholesale horn market in Lusaka, the

Zamhian capital. Mr. Tatham says the fact that no thinos have been poached here since February is a misleading consolation. "Yes. there's been a de-escalation of rhino poaching," he said. "But there are very few rhinos left to

The Good With the Bad

By Rick Weiss Washington Post Service

ASHINGTON — Two women are eating ice-cream sundaes, looking puzzled, in a New Yorker cartoon. Says one: "If homosexuality is inherited, shouldn't it have died out by now?"

Variations of that simple but baffling question have arisen repeatedly, not only for the gene that may predispose men to homosexuality but for other genes that would similarly seem to get in the killed those who inherited two copies. way of their own survival - such as disease genes that are likely to kill a person in childhood, before the victim has a chance to pass the gene on.

Researchers appear to have answered the question of how two "dead end" genes have managed to persist through human history. What they've found suggests that doctors and scientists may have to rethink simple distinctions between good genes and had. In fact, some "bad" genes may be good to inherit.

The concept is not entirely new. The classic example is the hemoglohin S gene: Inherited from both parents, it causes sickle-cell anemia. The gene remains common in the African population despite its ill effects, because children who inherit just one copy of the gene are resistant to malaria, the world's greatest infectious killer; only those children who inherit genes from both parents risk death from anemia. Children with a single copy of the sickle-cell gene are more likely to live to adulthood and reproduce than are their peers with "normal" hemoglohin genes, and the gene persists.

Now researchers have found a similar rationale for why cystic fibrosis, which usually kills its victims before they reach 30, has not only survived but has thrived as the most common fatal inherited disease among whites.

Cystic fibrosis occurs when a person inherits both parents. But despite its lethality in double dose, the gene mutation remains surprisingly carry the gene at all.

common; one in 20 Caucasians harbors a mutated CFTR gene.

Sherif E. Gabriel, a physiologist at the Universi-of North Carolina, and his colleagues reported Science that in experiments with mice they had found evidence that a single mutated CFTR gene confers protection against cholera, a bacterial disease that causes massive diarrhea and potentially fatal dehydration. Cholera has posed a serious threat throughout much of history, Dr. Gabriel said, and any gene that protected against the disease would be likely to endure — even if it

Moreover, researchers have known for several years that the CFTR gene, when normal, regulates salt and water secretion in the body. So people with one bad copy of the gene — and thus a slightly hobbled ability to secrete salt and water — might have a survival advantage when infected with the cholera bacterium.

A similar report in Nature suggests that a gene that can fatally exacerbate the symptoms of ma-laria may also have the hidden benefit of boosting the immune response against other diseases.

ESEARCHERS led by William McGuire of the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, England, found that among Gambian children with malaria, those who have a gene called TNF2 are seven times more likely to have their malaria progress into a fatal brain disorder. In an African country where malaria remains common, it seemed strange that such a troublesome gene would persist in fully 16 percent of the population, as it does.

The Oxford team suggests that the gene for TNF2 is bad only when present in a double dose. It turns out that TNF2 is an immune-system supercharger, which in double dose responds to malaria with an inflammatory reaction so intense that it can fatally interfere with brain function. But a single copy of the gene, the researchers mutated versions of a gene called CFTR from propose, offers just enough extra immunity to give both parents. But despite its lethality in double carriers a survival advantage over those who don't

Yes, Practice Does Make Perfect

By Daniel Goleman New York Times Service

EW YORK — The old joke — How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice — is getting a scientific spin. Researchers are finding an unexpected potency from deliberate practice in world-class competitions of all kinds, including chess matches, musical recitals and sporting events.

Studies of chess masters, virtuoso musicians and star athletes show that the relentless training routines of those at the top allows them to hreak through ordinary limits in memory and in physiology.

World records have been falling inexorahly over the last century. For example, the marathon gold medalist's time in the 1896 Olympics Games was, by 1990, only about as good as the qualifying time for the Bostoo Marathon.

"Over the last century Olympics have become more and more competitive, and so athletes steadily have had to put inmore total lifetime hours of practice," said Dr. Michael Mahoney, a psychologist at the University of North Texas in Denton.

These days you have to live your sport." That total dedication is in contrast to the relatively leisurely attitude taken at the turn of the century, when even worldclass athletes would train arduously for only a few months before their competition. "As competition got greater, training extended to a whole season," said Dr. Anders Ericsson, a psychologist at Florida State University Tallahassee. "Then it extended through the year, and then for several years. Now the elite performers

To be sure, there are other factors at work: Coaching methods have become more sophisticated, equipment has improved and the pool of people competing has grown. But studies are beginning to reveal the sheer power of training itself.

start their training in childhood."

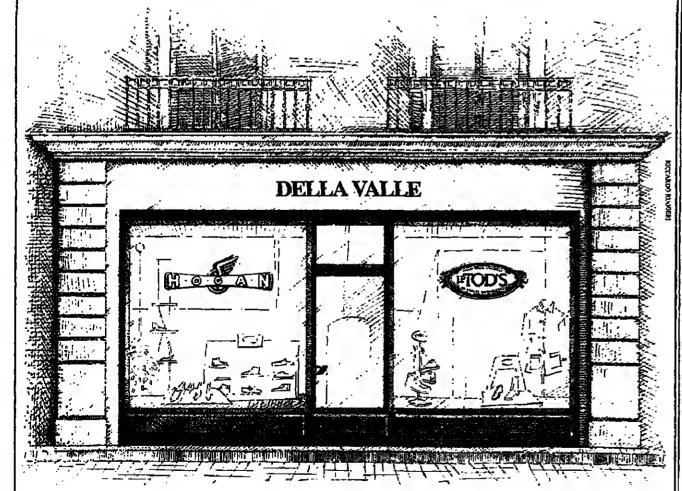
Perhaps the most surprising data show that extensive practice can break through barriers in mental capacities, particularly short-term memory. In short-term memory, information is stored for the few seconds that it is used and then fades, as in hearing a phone number which one for-gets as soon as it is dialed.

In a stunning demonstration of the power of sheer practice to break barriers in the mind's ability to bandle information, Dr. Ericsson and associates at Carnegie-Mellon University have taught college students to listen to a list of as many as 102 random digits and then recite it

Through their hours of practice, elite performers of all kinds master shortcuts that give them an edge. Dr. Bruce Abernathy, a researcher at the University of Queensland in Australia, has found that the most experienced players in racket sports like squash and tennis are able to predict where a serve will land by cues in the server's posture before the ball is hit.

A 1992 study of baseball greats like Hank Aaron and Rod Carew by Thomas Hanson, then a graduate student at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, found that the all-time best hitters typically started preparing for games by studying films of the pitchers they would face to spot cues that would tip off what pitch was about to be thrown.

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Shining Examples From Lacroix

By Suzy Menkes International Herald Tribune

ARIS -- Christian Lacroix sent out a sparkling collection on Wednesday. Was there from the rhinestone athletic stripe running down hlack pants, through the shapely slip dresses in silver Lurex, to the disco ball that whirled above the runway?

But this was not a show that plunged fashion hack into the glamrock era — in spite of 1970s-style skinny trench coats

PARIS FASHION

or a lime-green marabou-feath-er jacket. It was about giving a sheen of glamour to clothes that were flirtatious, often richly decorated but still fresh and

And Lacroix found a silhou-ette on which to hang his rhinestone-studded vinyl hat: a fitted jacket with shoulders that were tweaked up like a pagoda; skirts that were short, soft and flirty, that were short, soft and flirty, and a dress that fitted at the hosom. Exuberant ideas bounced off that base: here a print of lips pouting from a fluid skirt; there a jacket in vinyl, Lurex or fish scales of sequins; dresses patterned with exotic Hawaiian hlooms, or just a simple, shimmering slip of shocking-pink satin.

The fashion crowd gave Lacroix an ovation for the creative force that pulsates through ev-

Although the massive show still had some overcomplicated and indigestibly embellished outfits, Lacroix has got his jubilant fashion energy relatively under control. His clothes are not for everyone and for after dark — except for those who can face a cocktail of lime-green liveries while changing backers.

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Lacroix's pagoda-shouldered sparkle jacket.

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mean streets - hut moved for-

Lang's strong show took this to a sophisticated level with hazard color just flashing from the un-derdress at shoulder and hem of its nyloo cover.

Whatever possessed Rifat

behind mesh fencing helmets, was a shock from a designer who is known for body-con-scious clothes with color and decoration subtly drawn from his Turkish origins. Sure there were some fine fitted jackets, their corset seams picked out in their corset seams picked out in white stitches. But then a white crepe jacket came with a red bead, representing a drop of hlood oozing from scarlet rapier-slashes across a jacket front.

And then there were the shoulder pads, part of the fenc-ing look, that stuck out weirdly under simple slip dresses. For every simple trouser suit with soft pants, there was a cutaway bodysuit with hipster skirt. So although back in the showroom, the designer might have a good collection, in Ozbek's onstage duel between fashion and drama, the clothes lost out.

NN Demeulemeeste managed to pus! things gently forwar with skirt hems o the rise (she has moved inexor: hly from ankle to knee) and nascent stirring of feminimir. That meant sweaters snugglin the hody above the Ne Length, on-the-knee A-lir skirts and curvy riding coat Demculemeester's strength is using fabrie like mushroom-cc ored panne velvet to enrich sir

Claude Montana's choice. the Cirque d'Hiver seemed syr holie. Around the mode walked in their sculpted clothe proud heads bearing styliz-lacquer curls, arms banded satellite bracelets, shoulde molded as if from clay, skirts geometrically precise petal wide shorts legs forming a cor pass twirt around the thig Montana seems to be spining in a perpetual circle of h

He tinkered with sportswes showing soggy track pants i sequins with sparkling sweater sets. There were bold colors lik fuchsia and cyclamen to giv-vibrancy to the sculpted tailor ing. But for all the attempts at t The ectoplasmic spread of Helmut Lang's look onto other runways has made the Austrian designer a cult fashion hero even though he canceled fall designer and th TERNATION.

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Germans Get Wary On Rates Bundesbank May

omberg Busines: News MAINZ, Germany - Two members of the Bundesbank policy-making council cau-tioned Wednesday that the German economy might not yet be ready for further interestrate reductions.

Delay More Cuts

Hans-Jürgen Köbnick, one of the Bundesbank's leading backers of rate reductions, is having second thoughts, saying inflation was too high and the economy growing too fast to permit quick cuts.

He said rising commodity prices, higher operating rates in German factories and the risk of higher wages in the 1995 collective-hargaining round had "cast doubt on the further decline in inflation in the medium

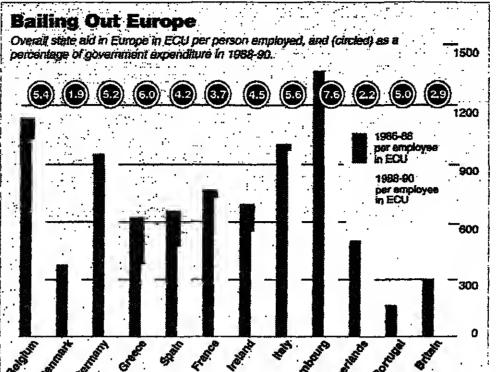
Mr. Köbnick, who waged a public campaign for lower rates this year, echoed comments by Johann Wilhelm Gaddum, vice president of the Bundesbank. saying growing inflation risks cast doubt on further cuts.

Mr. Gaddum, meanwhile, told a hankers group in Düsseldorf that interest rates were already low and the Bundeshank was nearing the point "where interest-rate cuts will conjure up inflation dangers, where confidence is damaged."

The statements came a day after Germany's largest trade union, IG Metall, kicked off its annual pay talks by demanding a 6 percent raise in 1995. The Bundesbank bas kept

rates on bold since the middle of July after two years of rate reductions. The council meets for one of its regular sessions on Thursday.

West German inflation is running at a 3 percent annual rate, while the Bundesbank has set a target of 2 percent.



EU Losing the Subsidy Battle

Taiwan computer maker Acer's

said that clearly was not bap-

Mr. Ottervanger blames the

recession of the early 1990s,

which drove many European

companies into the red, and a post-Maastricht political cli-

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to become competitive.

pening.

By Tom Buerkle

International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — The European Union appears to be losing the battle to control subsidies to industry in the face of growing pressure from national governments to bail out their beleaguered champions.

On Wednesday, France's state-controlled computer maker, Groupe Bull, won approval from the European Commission to receive 11.1 hillion French francs (\$2 billion) in state aid, the bulk of which bas already been paid.

The decision follows the commission's approval in July of a 20 billion-franc government bailout for the state carrier Air France, which seven European airlines bave since sued

Paris has one more bombshell: The government has promised a buge aid package for Credit Lyonnais, Europe's biggest bank, which has posted losses of 11.4 billion francs over the past 18 months.

Those cases are only a drop in the overall aid bucket. Eurobody. commission, the EU executive pean Union governments fork "The companies involved out some 90 billion European and the amounts involved and currency units (\$112 hillion) of the political pressure has been

aid to industries ranging from so big that it has been difficult manufacturing, transport, agrifor the commission to say no," culture and mining each year. he said.

The subsidy problem goes far That is roughly 2 percent of the beyond France, despite the weight of the three latest cases. union's total economic output. It was not supposed to be that way. To ensure fair compe-

Traditionally, France has tition in the single market, the been only an average doler of commission claims it must keep state funds. Italy's aid to manufacturing industry alone averaged an astonishing 2,175 Ecus per worker a year from 1988 to 1990, the most recent period for which figures are available. steady downward pressure on

In overall aid, even liberalsubsidies, and ensure that comminded Germany doled out 2.4 panies receiving aid restructure percent of total output, thanks in part to huge subsidies to the country's shrinking coal indus-Tom Ottervanger, a partner at the Brussels law firm of Loeff try. In contrast, the figure for Claeys Verbeke and co-author France was 1.8 percent. of a book on EU state subsidies.

Britain slashed its subsidies following the wave of privatizations under Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s, and it is the most vocal critic of them today.

We can stomach state aid when it is part of an effective restructuring" and is truly one last bite of the subsidy apple, as mate in which certain countries seek to curb the powers of the commission guidelines stipulate, a spokesman for Britain's mission to the Union said. But referto Bull, which got 600 mil-

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Mitsubishi Bank Plans to Rescue Nippon Trust

By Steven Brull mational Herald Tribuni

TOKYO - In the biggest bank rescue since Japan's bubble economy burst, Mitsubishi Bank Ltd. said Wednesday it would pay 199.53 billion yen (\$2 billion) to take a majority stake in Nippon Trust Bank in a government-orchestrated deal to help stabilize Japan's finan-

The takeover marks a tacit acknowledgment by the govern-ment that despite official reassurances, several of Japan's trust banks are in effect insolvent because of ill-advised property and stock lending.
But the transaction, which is

the latest in a series of financialmarket rescue operations that include loan-reschedulings and buy-backs, also underscores the government's determination to ensure a soft landing in the financial crisis triggered by the collapse of the bubble economy four years ago.
"The Ministry of Finance ap-

pears to be finally recognizing the problem and no longer waiting for the commercial property market to recover to reduce the banks' losses," said Betsy Daniels, a Morgan Stanley analyst.

The takeover by Mitsubishi Bank was also aided by a sense of obligation that stemmed from the bank's long-standing ties with Nippon Trust, of which it owns 5 percent. The deal also was financially within reach; Mitsubishi Bank has 48.83 trillion yen in assets, compared with Nippon Trust's 1.38 trillion yen, Mitsuhishi Bank said its mon-

ey would buy 443.4 million new shares of Nippon Trust at 450 yen each. The transaction will be completed Nov. 10 and give Mitsubishi 68.8 percent of Nippon Trust, the smallest of Japan's seven trust banks.

This decision was taken after careful review at the request

Bank said. Analysts said the price may three years.

have been too high, considering that Nippon Trust had been disclosing 130 billion yen in nonperforming assets, a figure it raised abruptly to 230 billion yen on Wednesday and which some analysts say may be as high as 500 billion yen.

"The price is excessive in that it will yield nothing for two to three years," said Alicia Ogawa, an analyst at Salomon Brothers.

"But from the long-term perspective it may pay off," she added, noting that the Japanese pension fund management market was huge and growing.

Access to the pension fund management business was the incentive Mitsubishi extracted from the Finance Ministry in return for bailing out Nippon Trust.

Japan's 11 city banks, including Mitsubishi Bank, will be permitted to set up trust bank subsidiaries next year, but they will be restricted from major trust bank activities such as pension fund management. To get the ministry's blessings to operate the trust bank with fuil powers, Mitsubishi played tough in negotiations that began last spring.

"The Ministry of Finance simply wanted us to bail them out without much in return," a Mitsubishi Bank executive said.

Daiwa Bank won a similar concession last year when, in return for rescuing its ailing affiliate Cosmo Securities, the Finance Ministry gave it permission to engage in the securities business. Other banks will be permitted to enter the securities business next month but with severe restrictions.

The Finance Ministry's concessions speak to its desire to basten cleaning up the financial system. Ms. Daniels said that Japan's 21 city, trust and longof and in consultation with fi- term credit banks were saddled nancial authorities who were with 40 trillion yen in bad debt. concerned about the possible Of this about 20 trillion will negative impact of Nippon eventually have to be written Trust's difficulties in Japan's fi-nancial system." Mitsubishi has been. Disposing of the remaining debt could take two to

INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Prepare 58 Corner Offices

By Laurence Zuckerman

New York Times Service
EW YORK — Despite a nosedive in profit this year, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Wall Street's last major private partnership, named 58 new partners Tuesday, its largest crop ever.
Each new member of Goldman's exclusive club of owners is almost guaranteed to be a

The large number of new partners shows how rapidly Wall Street and Goldman are changing. Former partners recall that not too long ago, the investment firm was able to bold its annual partnership dinner in a private room at the 21 Club. A decade ago, the total number of active partners was 79; now the firm will have more than 180.

multimillionaire within a year or two.

The rise of computerized trading, the growing sophistication of financial instruments and the internationalization of the securities business have transformed the industry. Goldman employees now become partners at a younger age and retire earlier than in the

Tuesday's announcement followed the bi-ennial autumn ritual in which Goldman's active partners size up candidates, lobby, debate and ultimately choose a new bunch, while those in the running grit their teeth and try to focus on their 18-bour workdays.

Stephen Friedman, the firm's senior partner, who is stepping down at the end of November, said the size of the new class reflected the number of talented people recruited during the boom years of the 1980s and the firm's rapid international expansion.

"We did extremely well recruiting in the '80s and now have a great talent pool which is

cligible," he said. "Plus we also bave increased involvement in businesses throughout the world that need representation."

Unlike many large law firms, where being passed over for a partnership means it is time to look for another job, Goldman encourages most of those who do not make it to stay and

Of the 58 new partners, only three are women, reflecting Goldman's slow progress in bringing women and minority groups into its top ranks. Eric M. Mindich, 27, a riskarbitrage specialist in the firm's equities division, is the youngest person to be named a partner in the firm's 125-year history.

By accepting the partnership, the 58 will trade years of seven-day workweeks and much of their personal lives for the richest compensation on Wall Street and the cachet of joining the elite of a firm known for its discretion, noblesse oblige, punishing work ethic and fabulous success

As owners, the new partners receive an annual share of Goldman's profit, which was a record \$2.3 billion before taxes last year. That has translated into an annual income of \$3 million to \$5 million for each partner in recent years, one analyst estimated.

But the hitch is that the money must be reinvested in the firm until the partner retires. Before then, Goldman partners receive salaries of about \$200,000 to \$250,000, modest by Wall Street standards, supplemented by interest payments on their capital stakes. Therefore, along with the honor of being

named to the firm's inner circle, the new See GOLDMAN, Page 13

Eurocurrency Deposits

U.S. Drops Demand ·

threatened the GATT treaty.

The sources said the an-nouncement had been made by Todd Crawford, a U.S. Trea-sury Department official, at a meeting of a group set up under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to coordinate talks on financial services. "We are no longer pursuing

the two-tier approach and do not intend to reintroduce it," Mr.

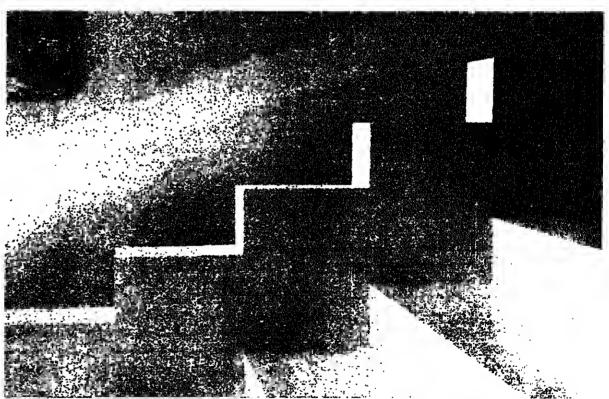
Trade Talk

GENEVA — The United States said Wednesday it was dropping a key demand in negonations on liberalizing financial services that last year

Crawford was quoted as saying. Under the two-tier approach, Washington insisted that it would only liberalize its banking and insurance sector, under the Uruguay Round treaty, on a reciprocal basis with countries that opened their own financial services industry to the same degree. The GATT treaty was approved in December 1993 and signed in April, without agreements on financial and maritime services.

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Inflation Concern Weighs on Stocks

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that inflation might rise.

Not all investors believe that

U.S. Stocks

the Federal Reserve to raise in- economy's growth. terest rates for the sixth time this year.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 1.68 points at 3.875.15. Declining issues outweighed advancing ones by an 11-to-10 margin.

IBM's shares rose on news the company is concluding oegotiations to acquire Kalpana Inc., a technology company that helps transmit large volumes of data between incompatible computer octworks.

Investors hesitated to make big bets on stocks before the release of two closely watched reports. The Labor Department will issue its producer-price index Thursday before the opening of trading, followed by the consumer price index Friday.

"The market's anticipating the reports with some dread." Walter Revis of Principal Fi-

nancial Securities said. If the NEW YORK - Stocks reports show inflation is acceledged lower Wednesday as op-erating, "it's just that much

Investors remained con- the Federal reserve will raise cerned that inflation reports rates again this year. Richard due out this week would spur Eakle presideot of Eakle Associates, said the Fed's previous rate increases were taking effect and bad sufficiently slowed the

"I think they're done, and the oext significant move in rates is down," Mr. Eakle said.

Higher rates pressure stock prices because they encourage people to put their money in fixed-rate investments that seem less risky. They also raise the cost of borrowing, which hurts future corporate profits. A decline in paper stocks was led by Consolidated Papers and Weyerhauser.

Both companies posted more than 60 percent increases in third-quarter earnings, and Consolidated Paper's oet income exceeded analysts' esti-

But shares in Consolidated: had risen sharply in anticipa-tion of better earnings, and traders said investors sold stock. after the earnings report.

German Poll and Data **Pressure the Dollar**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar German financial markets. slipped against the Deutsche mark and other major curreocies Wednesday before the re-lease of key U.S. inflatioo data late this week and the German elections Sunday.

dollar after a poll released Wednesday by the Allensbach

Foreign Exchange

High Frequency Economics.

past month amid speculation Mr. Kohl would lose the election. His opponents, led by the Social Democrats, are considered by many traders to be more inflation is under control. past month amid speculation ered by many traders to be more willing to boost government spending, a move that could ex-

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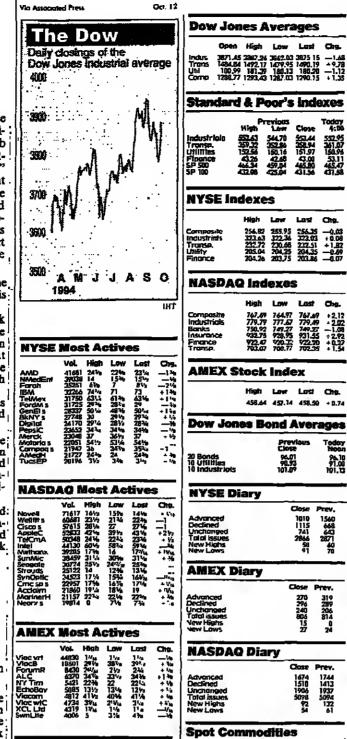
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"The dollar will likely be; more sensitive to the German elections this weekend than the economic data, with the mark possibly finding support should Kohl win as expected," said The mark jumped against the Margaret Kudarauskas, an analyst at Technical Data.

Late in New York, the dollar | Nosdon was at 1.5408 DM, down from 1.5448 DM oo Tuesday. The dollar fell to 99.795 yen from Institute showed that Chancel-lor Helmut Kohl's coalitioo also at 5.2740 French francs. government was expected to down from 5.2850 francs, and at 1.2853 Swiss francs, down from 1.2886 francs. The pound election rally early, said Carl Weinberg, chief economist at \$1.5820, up from Winberg, chief economist at \$1.5795.

The market is also awaiting The mark bas suffered in the U.S. consumer and producer

> (Bloomberg, AFX, Knlght-Ridder)



Hoechst Unit Pays Japan Fine imported from its parent com-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Hoechst Japan pany. Ltd. said Wednesday that it had paid the authorities 4.42 billion yen, plus penalty taxes of 1.93 billion yen, plus penalty taxes of 1.93 billion yen.

The company said it bad

Market Sales

thorities earlier this year. But the Japanese unit of the German chemical and drug company Hoechst AG denied that it bad intentionally understated its taxable income by inflating the price of materials

lodged a complaint with the Japanese tax authorities, de-manding a refund and saying it was doubly taxed in Japan and Germany on the same profit.

(AFX, AP, Knight-Ridder)

Profit Leaps at Taiwan's Acer Inc.

TAIPEI - Acer Inc., Taiwan's largest computer maker,

TAIPEI — Acer Inc., Taiwan's largest computer maker, said Wednesday its provisional net profit for the first three quarters more than tripled from the like period of 1993, to 2.1 billion Taiwan dollars (\$80 million), or 4.40 dollars a share. Sales for the first three quarters rose 67 percent, to 22.1 billion dollars, on increased shipments of components for assembly at overseas factories, the company said. Acer's stock rose 7 percent, or 5.50 dollars, to 91 dollars before the company issued the statement. That was the maximum rise permitted in one day under Taiwan stock exchange rules. The profit figures include earnings from Acer's subsidiaries.

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SAN FRANCISCO (Bloomberg) — Charles Schwab Corp., the largest U.S. discount broker, said Wednesday that its third-quarter profit rose to a record \$31.2 million, up 41 percent, io spite of the worst slump in the securities industry in four years.

Revenue grant 4 pages 10 \$248.1 million, during the quarter.

Revenue grew 4 percent, to \$248.1 million, during the quarter.

The results were better than expected by most analysts and had been buoyed by the firm's market and mutual fund businesses, Schwab said. Assets in customer accounts had risen 34 percent, to \$116.7 billion, while money market and cash balances had

climbed 40 percent, to \$25.8 billion.

The increase in earnings came amid analyst expectations that most Wall Street firms would report declines of more than 25 percent. Salomon Inc., for example, said last week it would report a loss of about \$100 million for the third quarter, mainly because of losses in trading in its own account.

Ford's Vice Chairman Steps Down

DEARBORN, Michigan (Bloomberg) — Ford Motor Co.'s vice chairman, Allan D. Gilmour, once widely considered a contender to head the second largest U.S. automaker, will retire Jan. 1, the Dec 3127.0 2095.0 3114.0 + 12.0 Mar N.T. N.T. 3138.0 + 12.0 Est. volume: 14,971, Open Inl.; 58,497. company said Wednesday.

The position of vice chairman will be eliminated, and he will not be replaced on Ford's board, a company spokesman said. His departure had been widely expected since he was passed over for Ford's chairmanship in November 1993, when Alex Trotman was named to the top job.

Santa Fe Refuses to Aid Union Bid

SCHAUMBURG, Illinois (Bloomberg) — Santa Fe Pacific Corp.'s board refused Wednesday to provide Union Pacific Corp. with the information that might justify a higher bid for a merger between Union Pacific and Santa Fe.

Santa Fe's board lest week migrated Union Pacific's offer to

Santa Fe's board last week rejected Union Pacific's offer to merge with Santa Fe in a transaction valued at obout \$3.2 billion. The Union Pacific offer bad been an attempt to derail Santa Fe Pacific's merger agreement with Burlington Northern Inc., a stock transaction valued at about \$2.5 billion.

transaction valued at about \$2.5 billion.
On Tuesday, Union Pacific said it might be willing to raise its offer for Santa Fe if it had access to information that would justify

a higher price. Absence of Sports Ads Pummels CBS

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — CBS Inc. said Wednesday that third-quarter earnings fell 51 percent, driven down by the absence of professional football and baseball games, which undercut advertising sales by 4 percent.

The company, which posted earnings of \$58.4 million for the quarter, said the settlement of a lawsuit with Viacom Inc. had inflated results in the year-earlier quarter. In addition, CBS said a

inflated results in the year-earlier quarter. In addition, CBS said a

higher tax rate had hurt earnings this year.

But operating results improved for company-owned television and radio stations, reflecting strong local advertising spending. (Bloomberg, Reuters) the company said.

For the Record

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. said it expected to post thirdquarter earnings of \$146 million to \$151 million, in line with analysts' estimates. A year earlier, the company posted earnings of \$136.2 million. Weyerhaeuser Co. said third-quarter earnings rose 67 percent,

to \$144.4 million, as pulp, paper and packaging markets recovered and sales of wood products stayed strong. (Bloomberg) Nikko Securities Co. said it would slash its mortgage trading

and sales force by 95 percent, citing poor prospects for the mortgage market.

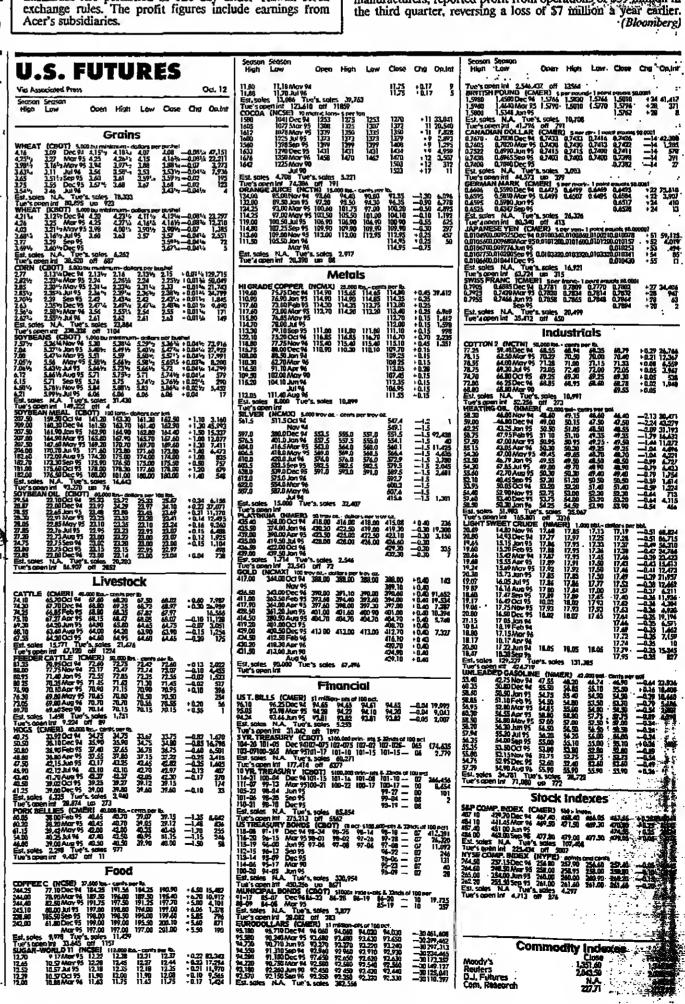
The Federal National Mortgage Association reported that third-quarter earnings rose 14 percent, to \$477.2 million, due to an increase in net interest income and the absence of repurchases of

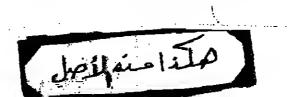
high-cost debt. Bankers Trust New York Co., a large trader in derivatives, asked a federal court to dismiss Gibson Greetings Inc.'s \$73

million lawsuit, asserting the card company knew the risks in huying the exotic securities. Alcan Aluminium Co. reported its second consecutive quarterly profit, fueled by increased demand for fabricated aluminim

products. The company, one of the world's largest aluminum manufacturers, reported profit from operations of \$39 million in the third quarter, reversing a loss of \$7 million a year earlier. · (Bloomberg)

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Chairman Step-Dong Manager Pulling Pullin LONDON — Britain's most important gauge of inflation hit a record low Wednesday and unemployment fell to its lowest level in nearly three years, giv-ing welcome relief to Prime Minister John Major. A Property of the second of th

· The favorable economic news helped push the Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading sbares up 27.5 points, to 3,100.50.

"It calls into question the latest rate hike a few weeks ago,"

Italy's Growth Heats Back Up To 2.3% Rate

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ROME — Italy's economy expanded at its fastest rate in more than three years in the second quarter. the government reported Wednesday.

The economy grew at an annual 2.3 percent rate, compared with a 0.6 percent decline in the like period last year, according to the national statistics institute Istat.

The recovery was spurred in large part by in-creased domestic demand, the institute said.

The news means that Italy had one of the higher growth rates in the industrialized world between March and June — higher than those of the United

States and Germany. Economists said they would upgrade forecasts for Italian growth this year to above 2 percent.
Italy's real, or inflation-

adjusted, gross domestic product rose 1.4 percent in the second quarter from the

> (Reuters. Bloomberg, AFP)

said Nick Stamenkovic, ao economist at DKB International. "It certainly lowers expectations of another early move by the authorities."

The index that measures retail price inflation fell to 2.2 percent from 2.4 percent in August, while underlying inflation, which excludes home-loan payments and is the gauge most closely watched by the government, fell to 2 percent, its lowest reading on record, from 2.3 percent.

Underlying inflation has now been below 3 percent for a year

for the first time in 30 years.
Unemployment fell by
28,000 in September, to
2,570,000, or 9.1 percent of the work force, down from 9.2 percent the previous month, according to the Central Statistical Office.

Unemployment has fallen steadily since the end of a twoand-a-half-year recession early in 1993 and is now 400,000 be-

low its peak.
"These improvements are taking place against an encouraging picture of sustainable, noninflationary growth," Employment Secretary Micbael Portillo said.

The government bond, or gilt, market also moved up, buoyed by the lack of signs of inflationary build-up.
But the Bank of England's

governor, Eddie George, sounded a note of caution when he said British inflationary pressures had been "fairly constant" since interest rates were raised in September. (Reuters, AFP, Knight-Ridder)

■ France Swings to Surplus

France's preliminary current account swung to a surplus of 7.6 billion French francs (\$1.4 billion) in July from a 417 million franc deficit in June, the Economy Ministry said, according to a Bloomberg Business News report from Paris.

In unadjusted terms, the cur-

rent account showed a 10.7 billion franc surplus after a 4.8

billion franc shortfall in Juoe

ISS Scours for Its Business cowboys out there wbo

By Erik Ipsen
International Herald Tribune
LONDON — Lowly though its field may be, ISS
—International Services Systems AS — suffers from no lack of ambition.

The Danish company that bills itself as the colossus of cleaning — the world's largest contract cleaner — aims not just to be No. 1 in each country where it operates, but incongruously enough plans to become the "Rolls-Royce

of cleaning."
The question nagging analysts is: Can it also make money?

As ISS gears up for its first share issue in New York this year, company executives are struggling to persuade wouldbe investors that it can be done. Unsexy though it may sound, they insist there is real money to be made from sweeping shop floors and cleaning airport toilets.

Nonetheless, skepticism abounds. "It is very difficult to make any sort of reasonable profit margin in tradi-tional cleaning," a Londoo analyst insisted.

He said that although the company had grown at a 15 percent annual rate in recent years, to revenue of \$2.1 billion last year, most of the growth has come through ac-

Even Waldemar Schmidt, the head of ISS's Londonbased European division, concedes the constant threat posed to the company by smaller firms trying to muscle in and clean up.

The industry is relatively new, and there are a lot of

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state prosecutor, have refused to disclose

information on Mafia suspects thought to

be using the banks to whitewash drug money, the Swiss Bankers Association said

formation to track down people thought to

be involved in beroin trafficking.

The issue has set off a battle with the state prosecutor's office. The banks said the office believed they had a duty to

Italian investigators have sought the in-

ZURICH - Swiss hanks, defying the

tender at one-third of the bighest bid," said Mr. Schmidt, who was recently designated to take over the head of ISS in two years.

With 125,000 mostly parttime workers in 18 countries, the company is struggling to expand into higher-margin areas. Topping the list are hospitals and food manufacturers, whose standards of

The company has elevated cleaning to a science.

cleanliness, and willingness to pay for them, far exceed

What is more, Mr. Schmidt sees his company increasingly using its big cleaning contracts as mere starting points.
"Our strategy is cleaning-led," be said. He explained that once it was on site, ISS sought other labor-intensive services it could add to its basic cleaning contract.

A case in point is one of the company's largest single European contracts. It began four years ago with a deal to clean 11,000 staircases in a sprawling group of apartment blocks in Berlin. That contract has since grown to encompass everything from building maintenance to snow removal at a price of 20 million Deutsche marks (\$13

Similarly, ISS is planning to huild on its \$45 millioo-a- ported from Copenhagen.

Swiss Banks Refuse to Divulge Data on Suspects

But the banks refused to give out any

information. About 30 banded together to

fight the issue in federal court. The court

was no basis for a trial because the Public

The state prosecutor bad sent all banks

in Zurich, Geoeva and Tessin a list of

about 60 names, asking them to check

dismissed the case Tuesday, saying there

Ministry's directive was not hinding.

the country's strict laws.

million) a year.

year airport cleaning business hy branching into the supply and maintenance of luggage trolleys. In its bospitals division, the company has al-ready moved into catering and portering.

"It is easy to say that any one can clean and that ISS faces no end of competition from one-man companies, but they have managed to demonstrate that they can produce growing earnings, said Frans Hoyer, an analyst for S.G. Warburg & Co. in Stockholm.

The company that mops up the mess at, among others, the houses of Parliament in London and the Sears Tower in Chicago, has elevated cleaning to a science. For senior managers it even has created its own university.

ISS says it hopes that such polishing will also help it overcome its higgest problem staff turnover in an industry that averages 100 percent turnover a year.

Mr. Schmidt credits his company's success in reducing annual turnover to 70 percent to a more rigorous screening of applicants and special training. The company also pays more than its peers and lets workers buy company stock after they have been on the job more

■ New U.S. Chief Named

ISS named Dennis Spina. head of the U.S. company Suburban Propane, as managing director of its North America division, Reuters re-

whether any were on lists of hank deposi- go to foreign authorities.

BAe Buys Submarine Builder

LONDON - British Aerospace PLC said Wednesday it had agreed to acquire VSEL PLC for £478.5 million (\$757 million), in a step toward consolidating two of Europe's largest defense contractors.

British Aerospace, the largest European defense company, said it would offer VSEL shareholders either 2.727 BAe shares or £11.40 in cash. VSEL constructs submarines, surface warships and arms systems. It also makes equipment for the

oil and gas industries.

Analysts said the purchase would expand British Aerospace's exports of naval ships and weapoury, a market the company said would be worth £112 billion by the year 2010.

The skills within VSEL fit ideally with those of British Aerospace, and together we shall be in a much stronger position to compete for contracts," Dick Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace, said.

sure British Aerospace of win-ning a £2.5 hillion contract to huild Britain's next generation of nuclear-powered submarines, analysts said.

The buyout would almost as-

VSEL shares rose 82 pence to 1,310 on the London Stock Exchange, while British Aerospace finished up 12 at 471.

In recent years, British Aerospace has sold several units to concentrate on its defense husinesses. Its most recent sale was that of Rover of Britain, the automaker, to Bayerische Motoren Werke AG.

tion of a new article in the penal code that

states that a banker "has the right" to

communicate information on clients if

The hanks argue that under the new law

association, said members wanted to help

fight drug crime, but be said they would

never willingly allow client information to

(AFP, Bloomberg)

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• RWE AG, a German utility group, said it would raise its dividend for the year ended June 30 to 13 Deutsche marks (\$8.41) a share from 12 DM.

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• Isosceles PLC, the owner of the supermarket operator Gateway. said that to repay debt it would probably his Gateway on the London Stock Exchange or sell it in 1997.

• Aegon NV, a Dutch insurer, said it planned a 2.5-for-1 stock split next year to improve the marketability of its shares.

 Matthew Clark PLC said it would buy Gaymer Group Europe Ltd., a British cider maker that produces Babycham perry and Olde English cider, for £109.1 million (\$172 million).

· Eunetcom, a joint venture between Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom SA to provide telecommunications services to multinational companies, said that after one year of existence, it had contracts valued at \$1 billion.

• South Africa's producer prices jumped 9.9 percent for the year through August as agricultural food products continued to exert unward pressure on the index.

 Virgin Group PLC plans to launch a Virgin vodka in Russia next Bloomberg, AFX, Knight-Ruider, Reuters

The dispute centers on the interpreta-For Year and Raises Dividend 31%

Bloomberg Business Vens LONDON - Lloyds Chemists PLC, which operates the largest such reporting is optional, not mandatory. Jean-Paul Chapuis, head of the hankers chain of pharmacies in Britain, said Wednesday that pretax profit for the year ended June 30 rose 17 percent, to £58.3 millioo (\$92 million). Sales also rose 17 percent, to £939.7 millioo.

The company announced a 31 percent rise in its dividend, to 9.5 pence a share from 7.25 pence.

Lloyds, which operates 1,184 pharmacies and 271 health-food

stores, said the results were "very encouraging."

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"they've had that last bite." The commission endorsed the aid after France pledged it would really be the last and said it would to sell a majority of link with a European company stable. was most likely.

Commission officials justify the other aid approvals by saying similar strict conditions have been attached, but many industry observers disagree.

Geoffrey Lipman, head of the World Travel and Tourism Council, criticized the decision on Air France.

He said the agreement did not commit the government to privatization, did not include more common.

arrier's restructuring plan and did not prove that competitors would not be affected.

In their defense, commission officials said they had exposed subsidies to greater transparency and scrutiny, and that with-Bull to a private partner within ont such measures, aid could have soared during the recent cial said. Officials indicated a recession rather than remaining

But Mr. Ottervanger said the best hope for controlling subsidies may lie not with the commission hut with industry itself.

The suit by British Airways and others against the Air France aid would have been unheard of a few years ago, either because companies were afraid to complain or thought they might need aid themselves later on, he said.

Today, he said, such action is

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an independent assessment of the carrier's restructuring plan ZURICH — Martin Ebner, the financier whose BK Vision DO YOU WANT TO KNOW A SECRET? investment group is the largest shareholder in Union Bank of Switzerland, said Wednesday he expected shareholders to block a plan to limit his influence. But he also said he did not plan to take control of the bank.

The UBS board said Sept. 29 that it would propose the creation of one class of bearer shares, with a nominal value of 10 Swiss francs (\$7.75) and with one vote each, to replace the existing 20 franc registered shares and 100 franc bearer shares. The proposal would dilute the voting powers of registered sbarebolders.

Mr. Ebner warned that if sharebolders approved the plan, there

was no guarantee that the hank's value would increase. Registered shareholders, of which be is one, are also unlikely to surrender their voting power, be said.

"I can't imagine that a registered shareholder will, without compensation, sign his death sentence," Mr. Ebner said at a news conference. Registered sbareholders control 51.1 percent of UBS's votes but only 17.3 percent of the capital.

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partners will see their actual take-home pay decline until their stakes grow large enough to generate substantial interest. In recent years, the tempo-rary sacrifice has been more than worth it. Since 1985, the firm's partnersbip capital, which is also shared with a few institutional investors, has bal-looned from \$1.2 billion to \$5.8 billion before taxes.

This year, Goldman, along with most other Wall Street firms, has seen its profit plunge as rising interest rates transformed record earnings from currency, bond and derivative trading into stunning losses. Some analysis even say the partners may see the value of their shares decline for the first time in 20 years.

Mr. Friedman acknowledged that cutbacks were imminent among the 9,000 employees.

There will be a head-count reduction," he said. "There will be belt-tightening. There will be re-engineering. You hope to fine-tune things so well that it

wasn't ever necessary but neither we nor anyone else in our cyclical business is smart enough to do that all the time. The important thing is to face up to it and

do it when it's got to be done."
The decline this year did not dampen the desire inside the firm to become a partner. "As a new partner, the fact that the firm had a difficult year doesn't affect me," said one of the new partners, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "It's bow the firm does once I become a partner next year that counts."

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Packard Bell Sneaks Up on Big Blue, Apple and Compaq

By Laurie Flynn New York Times Service

NEW YORK — A few years ago, while the giants of the personal-computer industry were still focusing their energy on selling machines by the hundreds to the lucrative corporate selling long. market, Packard Bell Electronics Inc. was quietly selling lowpriced computers one at e time et Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other discount and department stores.

This consumer-market retailing strategy helped Packard Bell rise from obscurity to the top ranks of the computer industry. The closely held company recently unseated International Business Machines Corp. to become America's third-largest seller of personal computers, and it now sells more computers to the consumer and home-office market than any other company.

Packard Bell will account for nearly 10 percent of America's personal computer market this year, up from 4.6 percent in 1992. It is expected to have sales of nearly \$2.5 billion -all this from a company that just a few years ago looked to be just another small maker of so-called clones — computers compatible with IBM's PC machines. Packard Bell was also dogged by e reputation for

Even as it enjoys record success from having anticipated the surge toward home computing, the question now for Packard Bell is whether it can continue its remarkable growth. As the consumer market has become the fastest-growing segment of the personal computer industry, big, well-financed competitors like Compaq Computer Corp, and Apple Computer Inc. have turned to the mass market.

To prosper in this competitive climete, Packard Bell faces the challenge of evolving beyond simply selling cheap computers to making machines that are innovative yet inexpensive.

Analysts attribute much of Packard Bell's success to its ability to gauge what the average consumer wants, all the way down to the color of the computer: The company now offers pop-off color panels to fit home decors. Its software walks the sometimes timid new user through the computer's basic functions.

Another key to Packard Bell's success, analysis said, is that it has been able to make machines as fast as it can sell them. Turning out computers from its factories in Westlake Village, California, and Wizchen in the Netherlands, the company has consistently been able to meet demand, while virtually every other computer company has badly misjudged demand for

Just last week, for example, word emerged that IBM had so underestimated the potential for its new consumer line of machines, the Aptiva, that the company may forgo millions of

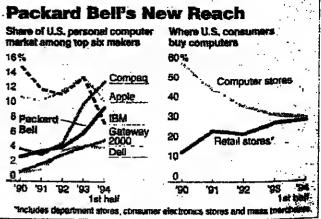
dollars in revenue this holiday shopping season because its factories will be unable to keep up with demand. Likewise, both Compaq and Apple have faced enormous order backlogs the last two years.

But Packard Bell's supply channel is not unlimited. The company disclosed Tuesday that it had postponed shipments of a new line of multimedia computers, called Spectria, until after Christmas; the machines were originally to have been delivered

Rather than the 84 percent revenue growth originally projected for 1994, Mal Ransom, the company's vice president of marketing, said revenue was expected to increase by 100 percent. Because it is closely held, Packard Bell does not disclose its results, but most analysts assume the company is profitable.

Io anticipation of the coming holiday season, when the bulk of home computers are bought each year, Packard Bell announced a sleek new line of multimedia computers in June. The machines range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and will be vying

with comparably priced all-in-one offerings just introduced by Compag and IBM. The new computers offer such enhancements as a built-in radio, television, stereo, facsimile machine and telephooe answering machine, along with more than two dozen software programs.



Sources: Packard Bell, Dataquest Inc.

Through such machines, as well as its computers for home users who want raw computing power, Packard Bell has emerged as the leading seller to the consumer market of computers based

on Intel's newest and most powerful chip, the Pentium-"They've managed to open the eyes of those who didn't respect them," Richard Zweichkenbaum of International Data said.

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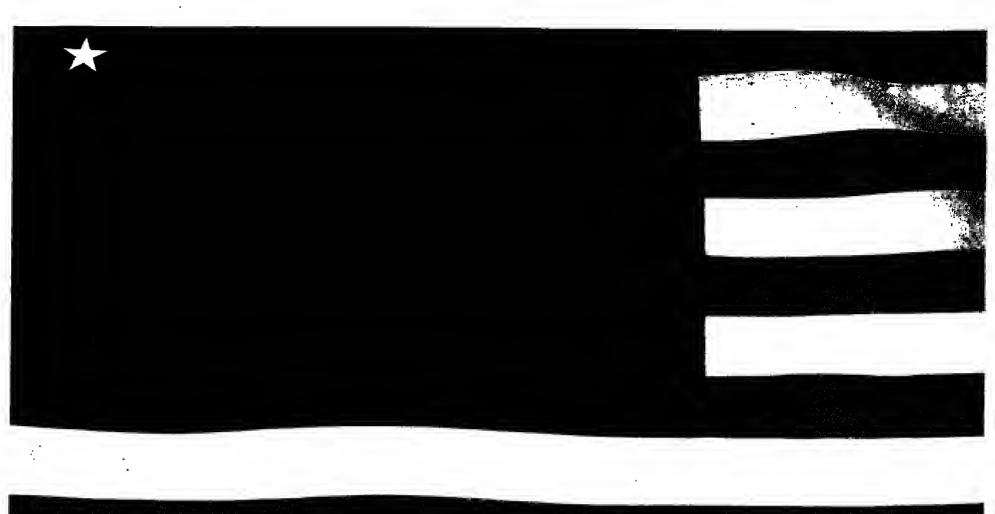
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Analysts had been expecting The company, a unit of Cable & Wireless PLC of Britain, also the ministry's decades-old mocations network since June. said it and China's Ministry of nopoly and ordered it to reorganize its service operations into a

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"China bas recognized it may not be able to fill these ambitious goals on its own," said Tim Storey, research analyst at HG Asia in Hong Kong. "The cake is hig enough for other players to get involved."

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Beijing currently has about 60,000 analog mobile-phone users and 300,000 paging customers. Cable & Wireless said officials planned to set up a trial network based on the GSM digital mobile standard and expand capacity enough to double the number of users within a

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BellSouth to Set Up China Network

ATLANTA — BellSoutb Corp. has agreed with a Chinese company to set up telecommunications networks in China, starting with Beijing and the nearby industrial city of Tianjin.

Under the preliminary agreement, BellSouth will help establish a cellular, wireless and long-distance telephone system as part of a joint venture with China United Telecommunications Corp., a governmentbacked company set up in July to install and operate domestic telephone services.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BELITNG - Surging exports helped China

post a trade surplus of \$1.38 hillion in the first

nine months of 1994, the government-con-

trolled China News Service said Wednesday.

in the first nine months of 1993.

That compares with a \$6.97 billion deficit

Last month the news service said China's

trade surplus in the first eight months of 1994

was only \$100 million. That indicates a sur-

From January to September, Chinese exports totaled \$79.44 billion, up 30 percent

plus of \$1.28 billion in September alone.

Company officials said Tuesday they expected to establish their joint venture by early next year, starting with a digital cel-lular network in the two cities.

The officials would not discuss terms of the agreement, which was signed at BellSouth's Atlanta headquarters late Mon-

Analysts estimated the deal's value at about \$150 million. Marshall Neel, president of BellSouth China, said Chinese regulations barred foreign companies from directly investing in or operating telecommunica-

Surging Exports Feed China's Surplus

tions companies, so BellSouth is technically restricted to advising on and planning telephone services. Chinese officials bave said

they want to add 100 million telephone lines by 2000.

BellSouth has operations in more than a dozen countries and provides services to nearly 20 million subscribers in the soutbeastern United States. The company is also the second-largest U.S. provider of radiotelephone services, with more than 4.5 million customers worldwide. (N)T. AFP)

from the like period in 1993. Imports rose 15

"Export momentum is still very strong as

world markets improve," said Ben Kwong, research director at Dharmala Securities.

China posted a \$12.2 billion trade deficit in

Separately, Chinese media reported that

industrial output had risen 18.1 percent in the

third quarter from a year earlier. In the first

nine months of the year, output rose 16.6

percent from a year earlier. (Bloomberg, AFX)

1993. Economists say the trade balance may slip back into deficit by the end of this year.

percent, to \$78.06 hillion.

Japan's Workweek Slips Below 40 Hours

TOKYO - The Labor Ministry said Wednesday that the average number of hours worked weekly by Japanese employees fell below 40 last year for the first time since its survey began nearly two decades ago.

The report said the average work week in 1993 was down 12 minutes from 1992, at 39 hours and 51 minutes. The ministry said its figures were based on a survey of 5,300 businesses with 30 or more employees, of which 94.4 percent had responded to its questions.

When the ministry hegan the survey in 1975, the average time worked each week was 42 hours and eight minutes. Ten years later, the the workweek was down to 41 hours and 45 minutes, and it has fallen steadily since.

The shorter workweek partly reflects government efforts to emphasize leisure time and improve the Japanese quality of life. But while government exhortations to trim the workweek have had some effect, economists said Japan's longest economic slump since the end of World War II was a major

"There was clearly a cyclical component in it," Robert Feldman, director of economic research for Japan at Salomon Brothers Inc., said of the impact of the recession on the workweek. "But that being said, there's also sort of a longterm move toward shorter working bours."

The so-called lifetime employment system characteristic of Japanese labor practices has prevented many companies from making major cuts in their work forces. As a result, companies bave bad to try to reduce costs by cutting down the hours worked by each employee, Donald Kimhall, an economist at

Mitsubishi Bank, said. The average workweek in the financial, insurance and realestate sectors was among the lowest of all fields included in the survey. These are the same sectors that have suffered the

most from the recession. Meanwhile, employees in fields that have proven more resilient to the recession have experienced less of a drop in bours on the ioh.

The Labor Ministry also said Japanese workers' average number of days off rose to 19.9 in 1993 from 19.5 a year earlier. Still, old habits die hard: Last year, paid vacation days rose to an average of 16.3, the ministry said: hut only 9.1, or 56 percent. of those days marked for vacation were actually taken.

Convenience Stores Lift Ito Profit

Shares Gain On Major **Markets**

HONG KONG - Stocks rose in Asia on Wednesday, hitting a record high in Seoul, rebounding 6 percent in Taipei and making gains in Hong Kong and Tokyo.

A move by the South Korean government to accelerate financial changes sent the composite index to a new high of 1,089.66, up from the previous record of 1,078.66 reached Tuesday.

The surge followed an announcement by Park Jae Yoon, the finance minister, that resident foreigners would soon receive the same treatment as Koreans when investing in the stock market. He also said daily sbare-price movement limits would be widened.

Taiwan stocks rehounded strongly after recent sharp losses linked to a payment-default scandal.

Brokers said hopes of government intervention belped the index jump 371.07 points to

close at 6,495.78. Stocks in Hong Kong and Tokyo also rose, belped by a 55-point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average Tuesday in New York.

The Hang Seng index gained 1.8 percent to 9,532.35, and the Nikkei average in Tokyo rose 1.4 percent to 20,089.72. Brokers said a strong dollar also belped Tokyo stocks. Investor's Asia Singapore Straits Times Tokyo Hong Kong Nikkei 225 Hang Seng 22000~ Exchange Index-Close 9.362.32 +1.82 9.532.35 Hang Seng Hong Kong 2.345.23 **+0.98 2,368,31 Straits Times Singapore 2,003.60 - 0.05 2,002,60 Ali Ordinaries Sydney 20,089,72 19,821,46 Nikkei 225 Tokyo 1,137.60 1,128.26 Kuala Lumpur Composite 1,470.90 1,444.26 Bangkok SET 1,078.66 Composite Stock 1,089,66 Seout Weighted Price 6,495.78 2,946,95 Manila PSE 2,970.46 512.38 511.42 Jakarta Stock Index 2,025.75 NZSE-40 2.056.80 New Zealand 2,080.37 2071.20 National Index Bombay

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Vietnam needs as much as \$20 hillion in foreign direct investment by 2000 to develop and modernize its economy, a senicr Vietnamese government official said.

 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. of Japan said it had developed a commercially viable biological emulsion oil treatment system that used bacteria to break oil down into water and carbon dioxide. The company said it bad applied for a patent.

. Hoechst AG said its total investment in China would reach \$600 million within two years.

· Sega Enterprises Ltd. said it would sell its next generation of video game players for 10 percent less than originally announced. · Wharf Cable, Hong Kong's only cahle-television operator, signed an agreement to carry programs from ANBC, the Asian arm of NBC's global husiness news service.

 Taiwan, boosted by strong exports, is expected to post economic growth of 6 percent this year, after registering a growth rate of 5.7 percent in the first half.

• Indonesia's Parliament approved the establishment of the global trade agreement that will lead to the formation of the World Trade Organization.

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percent of Southland Corp, of Dallas, which runs TOKYO - Ito-Yokado Co. said Wednesday the 7-Eleven chain stores. Ito-Yokado and its Seven-Eleven Japan subsidiary bought a control-

that first-balf profit rose 37 percent because of an improved performance at its 7-Eleven stores in the United States and continued strong sales at its Japanese convenience-store chain. Ito-Yokado said consolidated net profit came

to 38.64 hillion yen (\$385 million) in the half ended Aug. 31. For the year through Fehruary 1995, Ito-Yokado expects profit to rise 16 percent, to 68 hillion yen.

Sales fell 0.5 percent to 1.43 trillion yen in the first half. Ito-Yokado expects sales for the full year to rise 2 percent, to 2,94 trillion yen. For the parent company, Ito-Yokado said current profit, which is before taxes and extraordi-

nary items, rose 0.8 percent to 42.03 hillion ven in the half-year. Parent company sales in the first

ling interest in Southland in 1991, one year after the U.S. company filed for bankruptcy-law

Seven-Eleven Japan said current profit rose 8 percent, to 49.84 billion yen, in the half.

Tatsuhiro Sekine, managing director of Ito-Yokado, said Southland had been working to improve profitability. It has shut down unprofitable 7-Eleven stores and remodeled others.

The changes and a pickup in the U.S. economy appear to be paying off, as Southland showed a profit in the first half of \$23 million, reversing a loss of S13 million a year earlier.

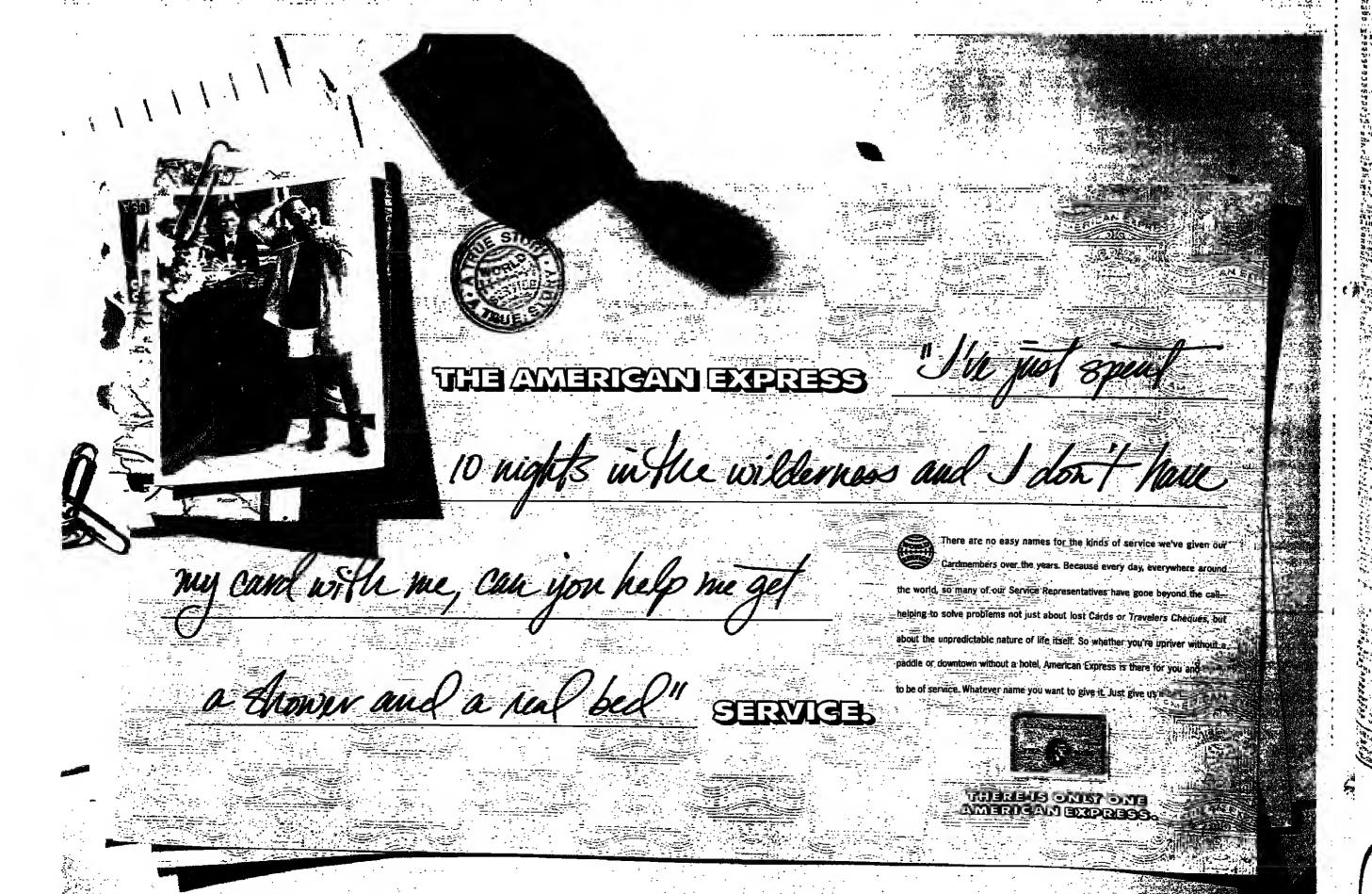
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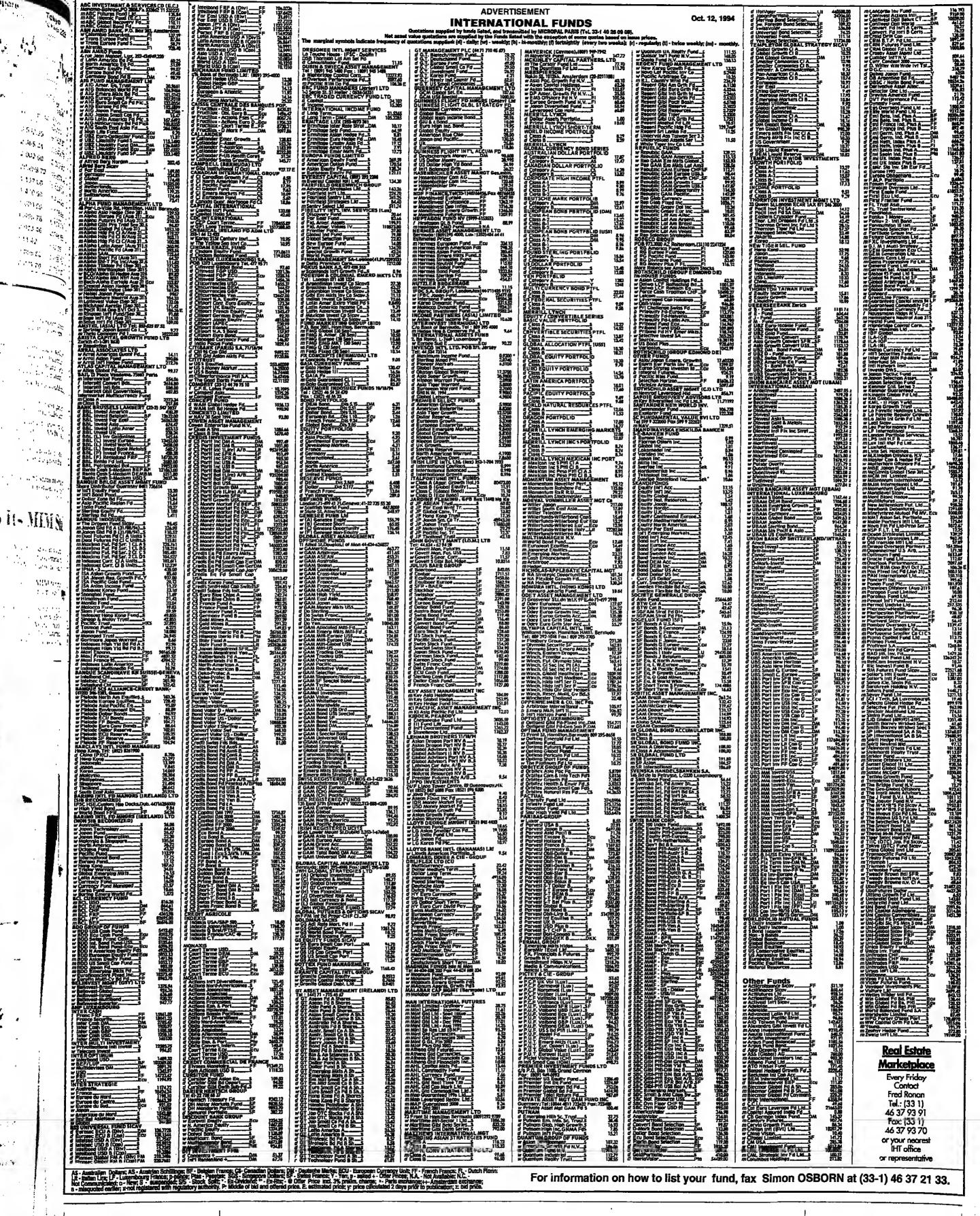
Asarco to Keep Its MIM Stake

NEW YORK - Asarco Inc. said Wednesday it would not sell its 15.5 percent interest in the Australian base-metal producer MIM Holdings Ltd. even though MIM plans to sell its 24.7 percent stake in Asarco.

Asarco, also a mining concern, bas "held MIM for many years and currently plans to keep it for investment purposes, a spokesman, Jerry Cooper, said.

The disclosure that MIM was seeking a buyer for its Asarco stake, which has a current market value of nearly \$350 million. was made in a registration statement that Asarco filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The statement covers the issuance hy Asarco of as much as \$300 million of debt and equity securities.







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NHL Season Put on Ice Until Agreement Reached

By Len Hochberg

Washington Past Service
NEW YORK — Commissioner Gary Bettman has announced that the already-delayed 78th National Hockey

not begin until there is a collective at least until Oct. 15, so an agreement agement and players.

most recent proposal of the NHL Play- day-to-day basis."

in Toronto.

agreement since Sept. 15, 1993, and ries. League season will not begin Saturday, although last season was played in its because the league's board of governors has rejected the latest labor proposal made by the players.

entirety without one, Bettman said that lion, the players association says, with could not happen this year. The day most of the money taken from the before the scheduled Oct. 1 opening highest-spending clubs to be distributposal made by the players.

Bettman said that the season would games, he postponed the season's start ed among the needer clubs. cant progress" made toward one.

ers' Association, which was presented Theplantheunionpresented Monday during a negotiating session Monday calls for a 3 percent flat tax on owners' two plans rejected last Wednesday -The NHL has been without a labor peaking at 7 percent, on players' sala-

That proposal would raise \$20 mil-

The union says that proposal would bargaining agreement between man- could be reached or, he said, "signifi- address two of the league's premier ant progress" made toward one. concerns: The graduated tax would bettman maintained Tuesday that a deter the wealthier clubs from spend-The board of governors met for four hours Tuesday afternoon and, said full season still could be played, and both taxes would belp the poorer clubs from spend-the average player salary has jumped the average player salary has jumped ing enormous sums on salaries while Bettman, unanimously rejected the, said, "We will review the schedule on a both taxes would belp the poorer clubs from spend-the average player salary has jumped ing enormous sums on salaries while 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" both taxes would belp the poorer clubs from spend-the average player salary has jumped ing enormous sums on salaries while 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" both taxes would belp the poorer clubs from spend-the average player salary has jumped ing enormous sums on salaries while 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" both taxes would belp the poorer clubs from spend-the average player salary has jumped ing enormous sums on salaries while 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" both taxes would belp the poorer clubs from spend-the average player salary has jumped ing enormous sums on salaries while 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" both taxes would belp the poorer clubs from spend-the average player salary has jumped ing enormous sums on salaries while 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" both taxes would belp the poorer clubs from spend-the average player salary has jumped ing enormous sums on salaries while 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" both taxes would be played and 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" both taxes would be played and 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" both taxes would be played and 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" belong the poorer clubs from taxes and 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" belong the poorer clubs from taxes and 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" belong the poorer clubs from taxes and 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" belong the poorer clubs from taxes and 1423,000 in 1989-90 to a "preliminary" belong the poorer clubs from taxes and 1423,00 compete for players.

The league's previous offer - it had calls for a 3 percent flat tax on owners' two plans rejected last Wednesday— ries are increasing but player value is peaking at 7 percent, on players' sala- unated tax on players' sala- unated tax on players' sala- unated tax on players' salaries, although has increased." Player salaries make up ries. the rates were vastly different from the just one of the differences between the union's plan.

The NHL's graduated tax peaked at 107 percent, a figure that Bob Goodenow, the union's executive director. said was "aimed singularly to act as a cap on salaries."

The league issued a release that said the average player salary has jumped 140 percent in the last five years, from estimate of \$558,000 last season.

"Yes," said Goodenow, "player salatwo sides. Besides that, said Bettman, there has been "no movement on entrylevel salaries, free agency, salary arbitration and other issues we've asked to have addressed."

As for further talks, both sides were taking the high road.

"We usually bave a phrase" at the end of our talks: "Keep the lines of communication open," said Goodenow. "And that's where it's at now."

Hockey's Mr. Fix-It, Or Just Tough Guy?

NEW YORK — Gary Bettman couldn't quite bring himself to say the "L" word. Even after he announced the further postponement of the National Hockey League season, the vowels and consonants that make up the word "lockout" never passed his

"Draw your own conclusion." the commissioner finally said.

"Absolutely. There are, indeed, many conclusions to draw as the league continues the longest, bitterest and possibly most destructive

labor struggle in its history. Absolutely. For instance: One might conclude that the commissioner

hockey is a union-buster who is willing to punish fans and players Vantage to force the flow of wealth into the purses of promoters and away from the pockets of performers. One

might wonder about the long-lasting scars his tactics will leave on this fragile business and the relationships between labor and

By demanding a major revision of the collective bargaining relationship in a transparent effort to retard the growth of worker salaries, Bettman and the owners who pay him have adopted a hardball strategy that is at least as harsh as that of the team owners in strikebound major league baseball.

By locking out the players, Bettman and the owners have sacrificed the month of October 1994, a window of opportunity they'll never have again. With no baseball, they had only weekend football for media and fan competition.

By stopping the sport during an era of unprecedented growth, they've risked losing the kind of momentum that hockey has sought for more than a quarter-century, since the big-bang expansion of 1967, when the league doubled in size from 6 to 12 teague. Instead of restructuring the relationship between labor and management with a gradual approach over a long period of time.

Bettman went for everything at once: a huge payroll tax to hold down salaries, the elimination of salary arbitration and an entire level wage structure to hold down the pay of rookies and

eventually, everyone else. His bargaining style was obvious from the start. When he took office less than two years ago, Bettman spoke conciliatory words about retired players, who had won \$40 million from the league in a pension-money dispute. In court, his posture was quite different.

The NHL appealed on two levels, losing both times. When the officials went on strike last fall, he brought in scab labor to replace them. He won that strike, too, and the humbled officials returned to work with little to show for their idleness.

Now he has taken on a determined players union for what looks like a long and nasty fight. Bertman insists that his demands on the union won't hurt the players financially when anyone can clearly see the opposite.

He's a tough and smart executive, but his opponents might be just as tough, just as smart.

Surely a commissioner as smart as Bettman had to know that no union would capitulate to his demands, Certainly the owners who employed him had to know that this agenda was a collision course in a game of chicken that is dangerous for both sides.

HIS EFFORT AMOUNTS to simple union-busting, strength against strength, a pattern that has grown in North American labor relations since Ronald Reagan unleashed the movement by firing the air controllers in 1981. If some people thought that sport unions, whose members had unique skills, would be immune from such tactics. Bettman and his baseball counterparts are proving them wrong. It merely took a decade for the sports promoters to

Who gets how much of the money? How much are both sides willing to fight for it?

Perhaps that final decision will be made by the owners, Bettman's employers. After another week or month or six months of lockout, they might have second thoughts about hiring a tough guy who might have gone too far in carrying out their mission to put the players in their place. They might decide that a new commissioner can better serve

them, can restore the money from tickets and beer and hot dogs and television to which they had become accustomed. They might decide to replace Bettman, their expensive hired band, who is, after all, just another disposable employee. They might see the need to find someone who can do the job cheaper and better.

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Ma: 11 Runners Had **Appendectomies**

HIROSHIMA, Japan --China' controversial track coach. Ma Junren, said Wednesday that It of his longdistance runners bad undergone appendectomies last year.

Ma's unnouncement that more than half his squad had been operated on may have helped explain their dramatic loss of form after a world record-breaking romp late last year, but it only added to the mystique that has swirled about the team since its abrupt withdrawal from of this year's grand DTIX CITCUIT.

"We had to stop training last year because we were getting sick," Ma told Japan's Kyodo news agency. "We were having toxicological problems and that is why we are running slower

"Eleven Ma's Family Army members had to have their appendices removed and they needed to recover from their operations," he said.

Ma did not elaborate on the causes of the "toxicological problems," and others reacted with puzzlement.

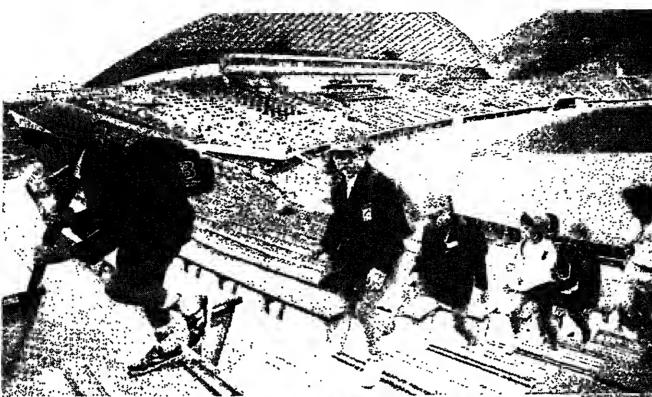
"It sounds astonishing," said Arne Ljungqvist, chairman of the medical commission of the Infernational Amateur Athletics Federation, track and field's ruling body.

"Usually the inflammation of the appendix occurs in very young children. It seems strange to me. It is a remarkably high frequency.

Ma's record of stunning reults have ted to allegations that he is using banned substances to improve performances. But in this area, the Ljungqvist came to Ma's defense.

He said IAAF tests on Ma's athletes in Beijing, shortly be-fore they left for Hiroshima and the Asian Games, had revealed no evidence of drug-taking.

"We have made several tests and they have always been negaulve," he said,



Schoolchildren were ushered out of an already mostly empty stadium in Hiroshima as high winds forced postponement of six athletics events Wednesday, leaving just three finals on the program. The 1,500-meter world record holder, Qu Yunxia, led China's 1-2 finish in the women's 800, but in the men's taijiquan competition of wushu, his nation's fighting sport, China's Wang Erping dropped out with a sprained ankle and Masaru Masuda of Japan won the gold medal.

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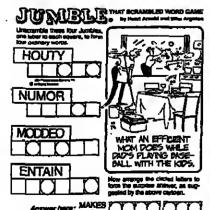
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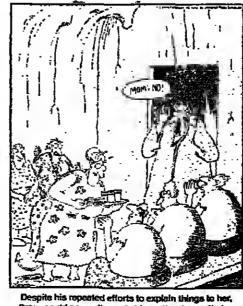
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Weakened Welsh Team Upset in Moldova

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches The soccer unknowns of Moldova came from behind against a weakened Wales side on Wednesday to post a 3-2 upset in their European Cham-

match. Wales, the visiting team, appeared to have secured a point from a highly entertaining game in Chisinau when striker Iwan Roberts scored from close range in the 69th minute to make the score 2-2.

But with just 12 minutes left, Moldovan midfielder Valeri Pogorelov picked up a pass in-side the area and blasted the winning goal into the hack of the net from 11 meters.

low former Soviet republic Georgia, 1-0, in their first quali-fying match, fell behind in only the fifth minute when Welsh midfielder Gary Speed headed home a corner. Defender Sergei Belous

equalized just four minutes later when he unleashed a tremendous 25-meter drive that flashed past surprised Welsh goalkeeper Neville Southall, Fellow defender Sergiu Secu

gave his side the lead in the 29th minute when he curled a 20meter free-kick through the de-fensive wall into Southall's bottom left-hand corner.

Wales, lacking top forwards lan Rush, Ryan Giggs and Dean Saunders, towered over their stocky opponents hut could not make their physical advantage pay. Moldova leads the group, with Wales tied for

Visitors Lose European Qualifier by 3-2

Moldow Sernei Belous (Pin), Serylu Secu (Pin), Voleri Poporeitov (Pim); Woles — Gory Soeed (Bin), Iwon Roberts (SPIN).

Bulgaria, 2, Georgia 9: In Sopionship Group 7 qualifying fia, Emil Kostadinov scored in the 55th and 62d minutes of

> more than an hour before scor-ing three times in three minutes Slove in its Group 8 qualifier.

Russia, recovering from a player rehellion that wrecked the team's World Cup chances, labored to hreak down the parttimers' packed defense. They had scored only once

Moldova, which beat its feltactics and resort to long-range

> magnificent 30-meter shot. Dmitri Radehenko headed in

from close range in the 66th minute 10 wrap up the scoring. The cross was provided by Igor Shalimov, one of several rebels who returned to the fold after Pavel Sadyrin, the previous national coach, was sacked.

But they found it hard to break through the massed ranks of a San Marino side that had conceded 79 goals in their pre-vious 18 matches.

Midfielder Valeri Karpin finally broke the deadlock in the 42d minute with a fine header from 12 meters that looped over goalkeeper Pierluigi Benedet-

tini. He had little else to do in Italy and Lithuania. Ukraine is the first half. sixth, ahead of Estonia.

Veleri Korpin (42d), Igor Kolyvenov (43d), Yurl Nikiterev (44th), Dmitri Redchenko

Ukraine 0, Slovenia 0: In Kiev, Slovenia held Ukraine to that Group 7 match.

Russia 4, San Marino 0: In

Moscow, Russia struggled for

Ukraine 0, Slovenia 0: In

Kiev, Slovenia held Ukraine to
a lifeless draw in a Groop 4

Slovenia, relying heavily on quick breakaways, came eloser to scoring with learn captain Darko Milanic missing a penal-

he had been brought down on a one-to-one with the goalkeeper. Ukraine, which sacked it's until they decided to change coach after a 0-2 upset hy Lithuania last month, struggled to mount any serious attacks.

Igor Kolyvanov douhled the score in the 63d minute with a kept only four players from that 25-meter free kick and, less than 60 seconds later, fullback Yuri Nikiforov belted home a match, hringing in four from the national club champion Dynamo Kiev — the team he is continuing to run.

It was Slovenia's second draw following a 1-1 tie with favored Italy last month. Slovenia remains fourth in the sixteam standings behind Croatia, penalty to even the score.

vo's through pass.

And in the 35th minute, Israel's chief playmaker, Eyal Ber-

tory looked certain.

when forward Peter Dubovski's

Stefan Rusnak alone in the pen-

alty box.

kovich, was brought down in the box by Marian Zeman, and the 20-year-old defender, who had already picked up a yellow card, was sent off. Tal Banin fired home the

World League Holding Player Tryouts in Britain

LONDON - The World League, which will attempt to resuscitate Continental interest in American-style football next spring, is

looking for a few good men in Britain.

The first of six preliminary player tryouts is to be held Friday, with others scheduled for later in October and in November. The requirements are simple: you must be at least 20 and hold a passport from a country other than the United States and Canada. For further information, call Bill Peterson or Nick Priestnall at telephone number 71.355,1995 at the league's office in London,

Slovak goalie Ladislav Mol-nar then faced a barrage of long shots as Israel pressed for a third goal against its 10-man. opposition.

Slovakia 2, Israel 2: In Tel Israel remains in second Aviv, the Slovaks opened their place in the six-team group, be-Group I encounter with a flur-hind Romania. Slovakia is tied ry, scoring in the 7th minute with France for third.

Scorers:

defense-splitting pass found Israel — Ronen Harazi (24th), Tal Benkm 135ft, penalty); Slavakia — Sieton Rusnak (7th), Lubamir Maravcik (16th).

The Slovan Bratislava striker's volley left Israeli goalkeeper Boni Ginzburg no chance.

Belarus 2, Luxembourg 0: In Minsk, the Belarussian team posted its first victory in Europosted its first victory in Euro-Nine minutes later, captain pean Championship qualificaty early in the second half after Lubomir Moravcik curled a 20iion in a Group 5 game. meter free kick around Israel's The home leam attacked

wall to make it 2-0, and a vicate scoring opportunities, while But in the 26th minute Isra-But in the 26th minute Isra-cl's Ronen Harazi scored on a powerful shot from the edge of the box following Haim Perion. In the second half, however, the box following Haim Revi-

the Belarussian team stepped up the pace and played most of that period on Luxembourg's side the field.

In the 67th minute, midfielder Alexander Metlitsky sent a long pass from the center of the field to Miroslav Romashchenko, who scored the opener from about 18 meters.

A minute later. Belarussian defender Sergei Gurenko was shown his second yellow card and was sent off.

Luxembourg tried to take advantage of that but left its defense open, enabling Sergei Gerasimets to enter the penalty area and lob the ball into the net above the goalkeeper's

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Autissier Sails to Big Lead in BOC Race

By Barbara Lloyd New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- The day before leaving the docks in Charleston, South Carolina, for the start of the BOC 'round-the-world race, the French sailor Isabelle Autissier carefully opened a small gift box. Inside was a pair of long, dangling earrings, a present from one of her admirers.

"Ah, earrings," Autissier said. "People know how I like these." She put them on, tilting her head as if to look in a mirror, then asked, "How do they look?" It was the feminine side of a woman who has used the terminine to be in the said and the said to be in the wit and might to build a substantial lead in a decidedly masculine race.

Of the 19 solo skippers competing in the 27,000-mile (43,400-kilometer) BOC Chal-Autissier is the only wor 1991, she became the only woman to complete a BOC race by placing seventh.

On Wednesday afternoon, Antissier was 475 miles ahead of her closest rival. Jean Luc Van Den Heede of France, on this 6,800-mile passage to Cape Town.

ESTORIL, Portugal — Is he returning to Formula One or isn't be? Nigel Mansell

The former Indy-car and Formula One

world champion said Wednesday "the

fire's still burning" as he rejoined the Wil-

liams-Renault Formula One team for the last three Grands Prix this year.

chasing Damon Hill, Williams is hoping to end the season on a high note. And Man-sell wants to be part of that.

But beyond, the 41-year-old Briton is

"Indy-car for the immediate future is definitely over," said Mansell, in Portugal to test the Williams-Renault FW16 he will

With Mansell alongside world-title

is keeping them guessing.

making no predictions.

opening leg, that margin was prohably serve them so much better during a solo enough to sustain her lead. But Autissier voyage on a nine-ton yacht. wasn't counting on it.

She knows that nature has a way of turning things around. But she has tested the boat's wiles before, most notably last spring in a record-hreaking voyage from New York to San Francisco. Then, she and a French crew of three men shaved 14 days off the 76-day pace set in 1989 by two North American sailors.

"I know the boat perfectly," the 37-year-old sailor said before leaving Charleston. "So I know better how to push it. I know its best abilities." The yacht, which she named Ecureuil

Poitou-Charentes 2 after its French sponand her region in west central France, is competing against seven other Class I yachts, the big 60footers of the fleet.

And so how is it that this French woman, of medium height and build, has been able to compete successfully with men

drive Sunday at the Grand Prix of Europe

in Jerez, Spain.
But for 1995, "You'll have to be patient

Mansell said he had agreed to return to

Mansell declined to say whether he

"It is too premature to even try to an-

Formula One for the last three races "in

the hope of creating more interest and to

would be prepared to drive as No. 2 next year if he decided to return and if Hill

title with Williams in 1993, Mansell failed

and wait and see."

have a good time myself."

clinched the championship.

Indy-car racing with Lola-Ford.

swer that," he said,

With less than 2,500 miles to go in the whose strength advantages would seem to

First, Autissier had the boat built to her liking. Rather than using a water-ballast system to keep the sailboat upright, as most of the other top BOC racers have done. Autissier decided on an unconventional keel to produce the same stabilizing effect.

The 14-foot keel and ballast hulh pivot sideways beneath the hull. This pendulum motion shifts the boat's weight from one side to the other, depending on the yacht's point of sail. It has proved easier to manage than water hallast, and more practical.

But more than the mechanics of her boat, Autissier has sailed smart. While others in the BOC fleet took a right turn Sent 17 start Autis straight, following an easterly path across the Atlantic. The ploy worked for her and, to a lesser

extent, for Giovanni Soldini, the Italian in

the 50-foot yacht Kodak, who held a 342-

mile lead Wednesday on David Adams of Australia in the Class II competition. Kodak was even ahead of five of the 60-foot Class I boats. The choice to head east was bold, because it meant sailing more miles to Cape Town, But the decision also put Autissicr

and Soldini in a more favorable weather "By heading east, she followed the out-side of the right triangle while others took the hypotenuse side," said Bill Bicwenga, a weather expert with Weather Window, a mariner's forecasting service in Lancaster,

Massachusetts. "The temptation there is to

cut the corner." Despite her large lead, Autissier was wrestling with the threat of light wind. dreaded more by an ocean racer than the wildest storm. In a ship-to-shore message Monday, Autissier was agonizing.

After winning the world Formula One "For the days ahead, a barrier of calms lies just in front of us," she said. "I just don't know where I'll try to pass. It's a to reach a new agreement with the con-structor and left to launch a new career in little distressing."

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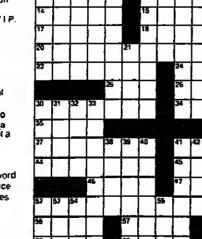
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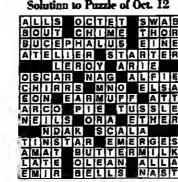
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Quiet Days for Lobbyists

WASHINGTON — It's all quiet on the Potomac. Congress has gone home and off their margaritas at the best bars in town. I sat at a table with five of the great ones, and plishments of some of our legis-

"This body will long be remembered for bringing a new

meaning to the word 'grid-lock,' 'said Whaleboat. Added Buff-

ington, who lobbies for the What made it

Buchwald

terry-clotbrobe industry, one of the better Congresses was that its members would listen to rea-

son. All we had to do was explain our point of view and they saw it our way."
Adams agreed, "Particularly if we bought three tables to one of their fund-raisers."

"Thanks for reminding me," said Downey, who represents the National Association of Rich People. "I have to send a check to Senator Boomtown for leading the fight against lobby-ing reforms. If it hadn't been for his filibuster no lawmaker would ever be able to play golf at Pebble Beach again.

Zork, of the TV Remote Control Clicker industry, asked, What do you think was the biggest accomplishment of the 103d Congress?"

Lutece Restaurant Sold

New York Times Service NEW YORK - André Soltner, chef and owner of Lutece, the Manhattan restaurant that has epitomized French cui-

sine for more than 30 years, has

sold it to a company that primar-

plished nothing. The Republi-cans figured that if they could the only sound to be heard is stop the majority from achievthat of lobbyists licking the salt ing anything useful, the American people would get so mad that nothing was done, they would blame the Democrats they were discussing the accom- and throw them out in Novem-

> "It was a great political strat-egy," said Meyerhoff, who represents the Foul Weather Gear manufacturers, "and I want some credit for it. I had a bunch of the Republican leaders down to Florida for a combined 'holein-one think-tank session,' and after a round of golf we sat around the club house talking. I suggested to the group that the only way to beat Clinton was to stop anything be proposed from being passed. The leadership bought the idea because it meant that they didn't have to

"The Republicans have start-

ed a new ball game. If they win the majority in the House and Senate, then the Democrats will be the ones to resort to gridlock and no one will ever pass any legislation. Congress will be-come an honorary body like the House of Lords in Britain."

"I'd rather see that than a health bill," said Zoria.
"Or a trade bill."

'Or a toxic waste bill." "I don't want to brag, but I have more senators in my pock-

et right now than voted against the Brady Bill." 'I have an e-mail connection with Senator Giles's office so that I can communicate with him at a moment's notice. He

listens to me more than be does the Christian right."
Adams said, "We're all blessed. We have our jobs, we have money to burn, and we associate with the most dedicated public servants in America. I'm proud to call each and every

one of them a friend - even at 3 o'clock in the morning."

Visiting an 80-Year-Old Literary-Genius Gun-Nut

By Kyle Jarrard al Herald Tribun

AWRENCE, Kansas — It's past the mid-Ledle of the afternoon when we arrive at William Burroughs's place with the homemade spread: poulet-saucisse, grandma's potatoes, fried okra, brown gravy and ice cream. Dinner for four will be early, but first we'll have a drink in the back hedroom with Bill and a couple of his friends who do this every Thursday.

A hull session, Burroughsian randomness at its best, is soon at full tilt. Do we know the 10 top ways to annoy an interlocutor spouting baloney? the author, painter and granddad of the Beat Generation inquires. No, we don't Well, No. 1 is this: Pretend you don't understand. That's an easy one; apparently, most people can do that. No. 2: Try premature acknowledgment: A little harder, but deadly. You know, anticipating and answering the question before it's asked, that kind of thing. One of the regular guests is carefully writing these things down when . . .

Out comes the derringer-style pistol from Burroughs's army field jacket. The subject swings to guns and the need for self-protection. A few minutes later and out comes a .38 special from under the pillow on the bed. It is then you realize you're either sitting in the safest bed-room in America with an 80-year-old literarygenius gun-nut, or you're sitting in the most dangerous bedroom in America with an 80year-old literary-genius gun-nut.

So, Bill, what would you do if you found yourself in the crossfire someday? "I'd blow em away," he shouts. "Become a great Ameri-

The weapons are examined and discussed a while and then they go back where they came from A gun coward, you're glad this part of the visit is over. And, no, there'll be no talk of 1951 and the night a drunken Burroughs tried to shoot a glass off his wife's bead and killed her

One of the Thursday night regulars goes to freshen up Burroughs's vodka and Coke while he fidgets on his chair by the window, constantly touching the buttonholes on his jacket or reaching over to straighten the edge of the

Burroughs talks like an old gangster and loads us up with deadpan pronouncements: On Timing: "Once you've got a problem, it's too late to do anything about it." God: "Something out there, yes; some supernatural entity." The English: "If there ever was a sinking ship, it's the English and the English gentleman."



Author-painter William Burroughs in his Kansas lair amid some surplus art works.

Words: "Strike the word 'should' from your vocabulary." Colette: "She takes you right

Right there bappens to be right here in the middle of America, where Burroughs has lived in Lawrence, a university town and Midwest mecca for hipsters then and now, since the early 1980s. While be seldom goes out anymore, be's still writing: Coming soon will be "The Book of Dreams." But the collapse of the art market has left him with a surplus of works and a waning interest in producing more.

The evening light seems to throw the room back into 1927 when the house, a two-bedroom Montgomery Ward kit, was built. Burroughs sips his drink. The talk slows.

Time for a tour of the house. First, of the writing room up front, where there is a desk with a Smith-Corona typewriter and manuscript-in-process next to it, and a life-sized Mugwump from "The Naked Lunch" movie at the end of a neatly made guest bed. Someone asks how it is to sleep in there with that bug-

looking, addictive-juice-spurting Mugwump. But Burroughs is gone.

For it's time to feed the fish. Same time every

day. We cut through the kitchen: Mind the cat food! There are six small aluminum trays on the floor, carefully placed for each kitty. We cut through the maze and out onto the back porch. Here lies a jumbled pile of Burroughs paintings. The old man is out by a fish pond sbaking a canister of food, as if to call them near, and chucking out pellets. If there ever was a fish pond deserving of the name, Burroughs bas it: mossy, dark and deep, with papyrus and lotus flowers. The goldfish do a feeding frenzy as Burroughs tosses more pellets onto the water,

his long, waxy face lighting up.
You're relaxed here, and wander around. One of the other guests takes you into the basement, which is empty except for a safe the size of an icebox containing Burroughs's gun collection. To one side is a long, insulated tube on a stand, a homemade silencer for shooting down there. The air is clammy.

Dinner starts a little late, but it doesn't matter. Appetites tonight are huge and the food goes down amid loud praise. After all, deboning stuffing and tying up a chicken in a roll had been no easy feat. Ultra-thin slicing was the trick on the potatoes — "My compliments to Grandma!" But it's the raspberry coults on the ice cream that clinches the meal. You think back to how Burroughs explained the title "Naked Lunch": "A frozen moment when everyone sees what is on the end of every fork."

Plates are carried away and Burroughs leans far back into his days as an exterminator. Question: Where do bedbugs make their nests? You'd never guess it: in the corners of the ceiling. We all look up. Then: There once was a lady who loved her bedbugs so much that we had to drag her out kicking and screaming before spraying. She was literally in love with those suckers. The joke's on somebody — or is

Burroughs doodles on a slip of paper a while, then riffles one of his self-defense magazines, reads aloud an ad about some special skunk-oil spray, 100 times more powerful than real skunk juice. At one point, he goes and fetches a recent gift: a superb hunting knife. We pass it around. A fine knife, indeed. There is no telling how many there are in the house. You don't feel the slightest fear, though: after all, this isn't the night somebody brought over a collection of highly poisonous snakes and let them crawl around on the floor.

No, tonight it's just Burroughs and his cats. Did I know raccoons get in through the kitty door to eat the catfood at night? He shoos them out with a cane. Why not just lock the kitty door? No way. Cats have special needs. You dare not say, With all these guns, why not just shoot the damn raccoons?

It is only about 8:30, but Burroughs is starting to fade. Time to go and let the man rest. Lovely to see you, thanks, come again, my pleasure, good night.

The perfect gentleman sees us out, and from the small white porch, waves good-bye. An ordinary old man deep in the heart of America standing under a bright light. Only for a second, though: With a sudden blast at one of the cats that's just come up — "There you are, you old bitch" — he turns to go in.

But wait. Something is wrong with the storm door. William Burroughs — Father of the Mug-wumps, Commander of the French Order of Arts and Letters - can't get into his own

'Come back here! Hey!" We go back. Get it opened.

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Nureyev scholarship established.

PEOPLE

THE 1994 Right Livelihood Award has been awarded jointly to a Nigerian human-rights activist and self-help groups from India and Trimidad, the awards courmittee announced Wednesday in Stock-holm. The award, started in 1980 by the Swedish-German writer Jakob von Hexkull to support individuals and organizations doing practical work to solve prob-lems, is shared by Ken Saro-Wiwa of Nigeria and his organization, the Move-ment for the Survival of the Ogoni People; H. Sudarshan's Vivekananda Girijana Karyana Kendra of India, and Servol. or Service Volunteered for All, of Trinidad.

Rudolf Nureyev's dance foundation has American Ballet. Jane Hermann, a member of the foundation's board and a longtime friend of the dancer, who died in January 1993, said the first scholarships had been awarded to 18-year-old twins, Kyle and Kurt Froman of Fort Worth, Texas.

A free-lance photographer has filed suit against the actor Burt Reynolds and his girlfriend, Pam Seals, claiming that the two obstructed his ability to earn a hving. Rob-

ert Calvert says Reynolds and Seals abused the court system by filing petitions for pro-tection was thim — petitions that, in any case, a Fiorida judge has rejected.

The animal trainer Jose Embery has made hundreds of TV appearances with animals from hummingbirds to elephants. But Tumba the cheetah wasn't so cooperative. Tumba took a swipe at Embery's face during the taping of Suzame Somers'a show. The goodwill ambassador for the Zoological Society of San Diego insisted on finishing the show before driving to a hospital for several stitches. All in a day's work, "He's a wild animal," she explained. "Wild animals react to things."

Four drunken tramps swigged cham-pagne, gorged on canapes and danced with celebrities at a lavish black-tie party for the opening in London of Walt Disney's "The Lion King" before being ejected by bounc-ers. Sylvester Stallone, Elton John and the entrepreneur Richard Branson were among the guests who thought the down-and-oniers were guests in costume. Security guards became suspicious when the tramps started to stuff food in their coat pockets.



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